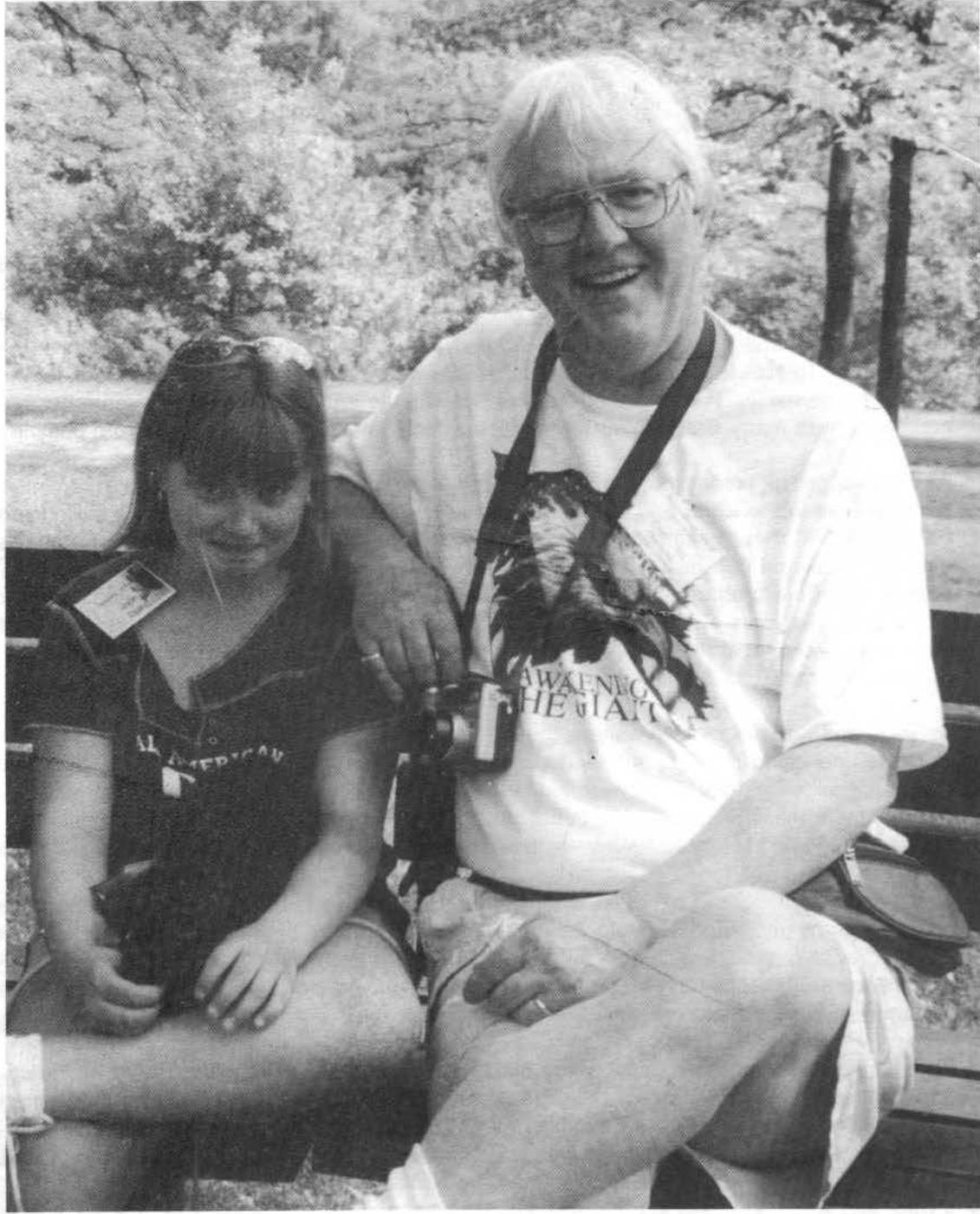




**Death takes
Col. Christy,
Molly Canevet**



GRANDDAUGHTER AND GRANDPA - Don Tucker, '63, back to the AMA 2003 Reunion for his 40th anniversary, brought Shelby with him to share the AMA experience. Reunion 2003 had as its theme the entrusting of Augusta's heritage to our bewildering offspring.

**Seven AMA Alumni
Medals awarded**

**Three receive AMA
Scholarships**



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Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.

Summer 2003



Dear Fellow Alumnus:

The 2003 Reunion was absolutely incredible!!! Although attendance was down about 15% due to the economy and family conflicts, the memories, stories and friendships were in full swing. **Frank Williamson, '60**, and his reunion committee did a terrific job scheduling the events and planning the activities. Look inside *The Bayonet* for a list of the many folks who helped make the weekend a success. We've listed their names to say "Thank You" for their contribution. REMEMBER next years reunion is a week earlier...mark your calendar for **APRIL 22, 23 & 24, 2004**. Moving to this earlier date allows us less conflict with the Winchester Apple Blossom Festival...and removes us from competing with many Graduation Ceremonies, which have kept some alumni from coming to the reunion.

As I reflect on the recent reunion and write this letter on Memorial Day 2003, I'm reminded that there are about 6 billion people in the world and 281 million in the US. Of those in the US, only a million remain who participated in WWII (.0035% of our population). If a person was 22 when WWII ended in 1945, he or she is 80 years old today, and we're losing 1,000 daily. This makes those few remaining soldiers special and SPECIAL describes our AMA Alumni. 52 of our brothers paid the ultimate sacrifice during that war and we'll continue to remember them in each of the next few years. The remaining alumni who participated in WWII are very special... their stories, their pride. They are special, just the way AMA alumni stand when the flag passes by, or the way we put our hands over our hearts when the Stars Spangled Banner is played....it too is special !!!

As we scan the ranks of AMA alumni, the different ages are obvious. Each class projects a reflection of THEIR day. Here's some differences to ponder....WWII, Korea, Vietnam, classical music, eating goldfish, beatniks, hippies, rock-n-roll, all are different. All were judged through the eyes of the discriminating public, yet we've restored pride and honor in the USA today. No better group on the planet understands this pride and honor than those who attended Augusta Military Academy. It's a beautiful thing to see Americans of ALL ages embrace our country, again!

Some alumni (young and old), just as soldiers, are more proud than are others, some more supportive, some less involved, some undefined. Some set the example and light the path for us to follow. It's the latter of whom I'm most proud; they're unselfish, patient & forgiving and carry a distinction we can all be thankful to know. Some of these distinctions are disappearing and will soon be gone, leaving the Legacy & Legend to the next distinctive generation of alumni to carry on and preserve the memory.

It's kind of like our school.....most of the buildings are there...but the school no longer exists. We have the museum and it reflects the different ages, but it's a memory. A memory we hope to share with our children and a dream we want to keep alive through the Foundation and its scholarships and artifacts. The different ages look at our future differently, some with respect; some with pride and others haven't defined it yet. The AMA Alumni Association IS the former cadets who walked the stoops, used the sinks, ate in the mess hall, drilled on the fields and sat in the Big Room, and we're shrinking in numbers. We have approximately 2,400 former cadets and faculty on our mailing list of which some 300 are active (13%) and one day, all that will be left, is our memories. That's when the Foundation takes over.

Giving even a few hours of time, sending a few dollars, serving on a committee, making phone calls or helping lick stamps helps keep the memory alive. No contribution is too small nor too large...it's the participation that matters. Be more than just a part of the memory, come visit, help find old friends and come share with your AMA brothers. Be part of the legacy of which you represent, do what you can and experience the pleasure of being involved....you'll be glad you did.

A special thanks to the men and women of the Armed Forces. Thank you for defending our freedoms against terror and WMD. God Bless You !!

Garry Granger, '71
President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

1932

(NONE)

Lieutenant General William Martin, USAF (Retd) is enjoying retirement in Park City, UT. (See letter and photo on page 34)

1935

(Julian Quarles)

George Adam was not able to attend Reunion 2003, but has told his classmate **Julian Quarles, '35**, that he hopes to make it back for their 70th anniversary in 2005.

1938

(Captain Larry Kurtz)

Homer Anderson enjoyed seeing the display in the AMA Museum which chronicled his actions on D-Day with Ernest Hemingway in his landing craft. (story on page 62) The Andersons attended Reunion 2003.

1942

(Colonel Rutland Beard)

Angus Hines won a bottle of Virginia Gentleman from **Frank Williamson's** Tower of Power at Reunion 2003. "Since there is no one else here from my class," Angus told the Awards Banquet audience, "I suppose I'll just have to drink it myself!"

1944

(NONE)

Dr. Don Elston and Shirley came to Reunion 2003 from Flagstaff, AZ. They will be on the AMA WW II tour in September.

1946

(NONE)

Don Lerrick lives in Winchester where he retired after his time in the service, at the University of Miami, and in resort real estate. When he was at AMA, he wrote a series for *The Bayonet* called "Stubbs



THE OLDEST CLASS - The oldest class represented at Reunion 2003 was the Class of 1935. Colonel Will Parkins and Julian Quarles, both veterans of World War II, participated in many reunion events. Photo by Ben Zinkhan, '60

1947

(Mike Welch)

Roberto Suero responded to Chris Harrison and Bob Guggenheimer, both from the Class of '43, who were looking for brothers **Jorge** and **Enrique Aguilera**.

Roberto knew both well when he was Purchasing Manager for Gulf and Western Food Products. "The brothers owned a company that sold Allis Chalmers products and Jorge used to make sales calls on me twice a month," he says. Roberto reports that Jorge passed away in 1986, but Enrique lives in Key Biscayne, FL where he plays a lot of golf. Roberto lives in Coral Gables, FL.

1948

(Bill Harris)

Bill Rand recently underwent prostate cancer surgery. He was at Reunion 2003 looking very good.

Bill Harris is ill at home. We are wishing the very best to Big Red and to his sweet wife, Frances.

1949

(Frank Spencer)

Bill Rubush visited Ed Chauncey, '49, in Virginia in April and met **Julian Quarles, '35**, at the Confederate Museum in Richmond. Rubush's great-grandfather buried Julian's uncle after the Second Battle of Manassas in 1862, and was later himself killed in action at Cold Harbor in 1864.

Bill Dickinson has moved from Carlisle to Allentown, PA. Bill's e-mail address is unchanged at: wdickin@pa.net

Frank Spencer and Ida will celebrate their 50th anniversary on 11 July! Good going!!

1950

(Reverend Jim Lupton)

Dick Young came back for Reunion 2003, his first reunion since he graduated. He looked good out on the front field handling a lacrosse stick just as he did as a cadet. Dick, who was B Company Commander his senior year, lives in Bastian, VA. E-mail address: richnring@stargate.net

John Cole, Young's roommate in #5 in the Tower, wanted to come to the reunion, but his wife's illness prevented his attendance. The Coles plan to build a house 30 miles west of Richmond adjoining Betty's sister's 1820 farmhouse. You can e-mail John at: paisanoviejo@pdq.net

Bill Hill, C Company Commander his senior year, also was back for his first reunion. Bill is a former city planner and now lives in Greenville, NC.

Jim Starnes has had some health problems, but is doing better. Give him a call at 410/224-3424, or e-mail him at: jimstarnes3@comcast.net

Ed Click and Sue have moved from their Fort Defiance house to a new home near Fishersville, though it is a Staunton address. The e-mail address is unchanged: Gramps02@juno.com

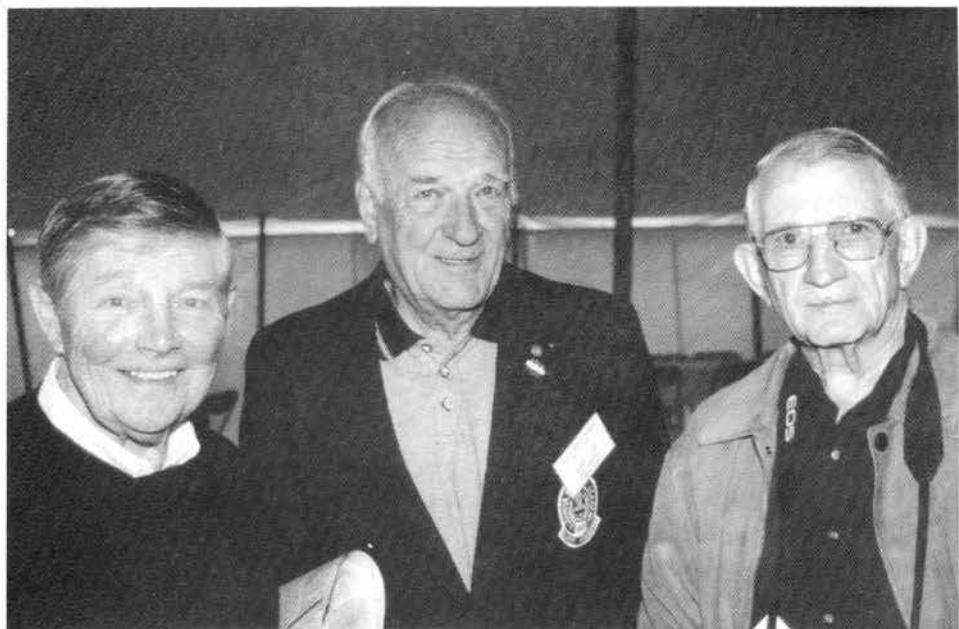
Reverend Jim Lupton was able to be at the reunion until Saturday afternoon, then returned to North Carolina where he had two sermons to preach on Sunday. We appreciated Jim's extra efforts to be with us and to bless the proceedings.

1952

(Jim "Shad" White)

Roger Messick spent a few days at Phantom Ranch in the Grand Canyon. He tried to make the 9.9 mile hike out in under four hours, *"but the last mile and a half was a killer... I was spent."* Roger plans to go again in November or December. He lives in Prescott, AZ. E-mail: TRMESSUP@aol.com

Ed Schonborn recently moved from Georgia to Mathews, NC. E-mail: eschonbornjr@carolina.rr.com



THREE FROM '43 - In the Hospitality Tent, Leonard Wilson, Earl Cabaniss and Dr. George "Boots" Solan.



TEN FROM '53 - On the steps of the AMA Alumni House/Museum, front row, l. to r., Jay Fox, Sam Martin, Tommy Simmons, "Coyote" Ferro, and Bill Thomas. Back row, Willie Saunders, Lew Mundin, Manuel Balbis, Al Wattay and Terry Duval.

1953

(Lewis Mundin)

Manuel Balbis and Lucretia attended Reunion 2003 where they enjoyed the company of old and new friends. Manuel retired as President of Firestone Argentina and now owns a tire import/export business in Miami.

1954

(Ken Hoke)

Bob Harris was missed at the reunion. He had signed up to attend, but a death in the family prevented him from coming. He did, once again, donate all the beautiful printed materials which were in evidence at the reunion.

Thanks so much, Bob.

1957

(Goodloe Saunders)

Walter Rogers is a home builder in Melbourne, FL. He is hoping to get away from his job long enough to visit the AMA campus soon. His e-mail address: rogerino@netzero.net

1959

(Dave Conrad & Lloyd Eastlack)

Elliott Ridge is much improved from the stroke he suffered on 20 March 2002. Hope says that he looks forward to seeing old friends at home in Hillsboro and that his years at AMA and his AMA friendships are the most rewarding in his life.

1963

(Mike Basto)

Colonel Dean Hanson has been selected for induction into the US Army Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, GA. He was cited for his outstanding career of leadership and achievement in the military, and joins such previous inductees as Bob Dole, Jack Marsh, and Casper Weinberger. Congratulations, Dean!

You can send him an e-mail at: dean_hanson@centerpointenergy.com

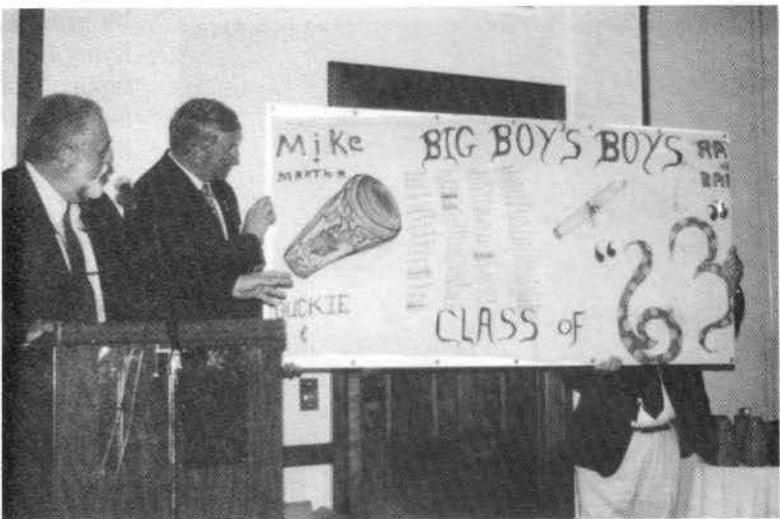
Ed Kotz found AMA on our webpage and is pleased to see that the memories are being kept alive. E-mail: edkotz@msn.com

Phil Casey has a new e-mail address: casey492@msn.com

1965

(NONE)

Michael de Ayora lives and works in Merced, CA. His e-mail address is: deayoram@elite.net



BIG BOY'S BOYS FROM 1963 - General Roller died in March of 1963 and that year's class dedicated their sheet to the Big Boy. Above, Mike Basto, left, explains the sheet at the Awards Banquet while Carl Riedell and Robbie Rhodes (hidden from view) hold it up for all to see. Below, more from the Class of '63 with the sheet which has been donated to the AMA Museum.



1966

(NONE)

Clarke Davis grew up in Winchester and now lives in Atlanta. E-mail him at: JClarkeDavis@aol.com

Joe McCue was scheduled to deliver the Founders Day speech during the reunion, but a death in the family prevented his participation.

1967

(Mac McInnis)

Rick Welch had to have back surgery last fall after other therapy failed to do the job. "They fused my spine from L2

all the way down to S1 and put in eight two-and-a-half inch screws, six rods and a transverse torsion bar," he reports. Get an update on Rick at: leeciepc@erols.com

John Botchellor and Nancy are back in the US after his service as an officer of a bank in Seoul, Korea. They are now living in their Connecticut home while John plans his next career move. Last year, John came all the way from Seoul to the reunion, then returned to Korea as soon as the reunion was over. That is dedication!

Mickey Torn became a grandfather on 27 May! Congratulations, Mitch. Charles Mitchell Toms was born in Vail, CO.

1969

(C.A. Pascale, Bill Scarborough & Nicky Syropoulos)

Dave Shearer says that when he joined the Marines, the first guy he saw at boot camp was Charlie Smith. E-mail: dave1969@earthlink.net

Ian McKnight is a certified firearms instructor in San

Luis Obispo, CA and is rangemaster at a public shooting and firearms educational facility operated by the San Luis Obispo Sportsmen's Association. Ian has two daughters. His e-mail address: Ukenshoot@msn.com

1970

(Jorge Rovirosa and Bill Parkins)

Herman Jenkins owns the Main Street Cafe and Catering Company in Jonesborough, TN.

1972

(Lewie Kennett)

Larry Haning just underwent success-



LAST CLASS - Phil Bentley, '83, and his wife Tammy, enjoying Reunion 2003. Phil asked the crack AMA research team to see if they could locate his classmate, Angelo Greco, pledging to donate \$100 to the alumni association if Angelo could be found. Jerry Wildman, '57, went to work, looking up Angelo's parents' old New Jersey address, contacting the people living there now to find Angelo's mother in Fort Collins, CO (with a different last name, by the way!), and finally tracking down Angelo in Sacramento, CA. Angelo and Phil are back in touch, Angelo is on the AMA mailing list, and the AMA Alumni Association is \$100 richer. Thanks very much, Jerry! And welcome home, Angelo!

ful prostate cancer surgery and is expected to make a complete recovery. He lives in Wheeling, WV.

Grif Lohman now works for WBE, INC, a used printing equipment dealer in Atlanta. His territory covers Virginia to Florida and all is well in his life. E-mail: wbegriff@earthlink.net

Gary Nicholson was, as usual, everywhere doing everything at the reunion, but we really missed his Sweet Sue. Hope she makes it next year.

Steve Pearson has had multiple problems recently. After seven years of medical retirement, he has gone back to work with two companies which he ran when he first became ill. "I am up to an eight hour day again," he says. In the meantime, he got a new computer and his AMAMail list was completely "screwed up." And as

he goes back to his "new" job, he is trying to get AMAMail up and running again. Steve, we look forward to seeing your great service to AMA alumni back on line soon!

Blaine Clarke was a busy man at the reunion. At 7 AM Friday, he teed off in the annual AMA Open. As soon as he finished his round, he was off to play tennis with other AMA alumni and friends. Then, on Saturday, he fired in the annual sporting clays event. And he did well in all three events!

1973

(Joe Garry)

Tom DeValle came back for Reunion 2003. We all wish sunny skies for him and his employer, American Airlines. Tom lives in Dallas, has been back to the past few reunions, and volunteered for a weekend at the museum.

1974

(Hayes Dickinson & Corey Koenig)

Paul Del Castillo reports that he is happy, in good health and hopes to hear from his classmates. E-mail: pd1015@hotmail.com

1975

(Brett Thompson)

Colonel Larry Nicholson is stationed at NATO in Brussels, the only US Marine stationed there. He hopes to join the AMA World War II trip to Europe in September. Larry's e-mail address: ld.nicholson@usdelmc.army.mil

1976

(Jim Mitchell)

Jim Mitchell owns a restaurant in Pittsburgh. He and his son, Matt, were at Reunion 2003.

1977

(Shawn Ogimachi)

Shawn Ogimachi won the "man-mile award," having traveled from Santa Cruz, CA for the reunion.

1980

(NONE)

Tony Chopitea says, "I almost fell off my chair when I found the AMA web site for the first time! It was like going back 23 years in time." E-mail Tony at: tony.chopitea@rbcain.com

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Passing the torch

Reunion theme: passing along the AMA legacy to our offspring

AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger**, '71, set the theme for Reunion 2003 when he challenged the children, grandchildren and great-grand-children of AMA alumni to "be the future of the AMA ideal and become the caretakers of the AMA legacy." Speaking at the Awards Banquet, Granger remarked on one particular paver he had seen in front of the AMA Alumni House: "Many of these bricks honor names from the past: AMA's war heroes, a parent or a favorite teacher, or a roommate. But I was most impressed with a paver which says: 'Brandi, Hayley, learn about this place.' A plea from a father or grandfather for his descendants to learn all there is to know about 'this place,' our Augusta."

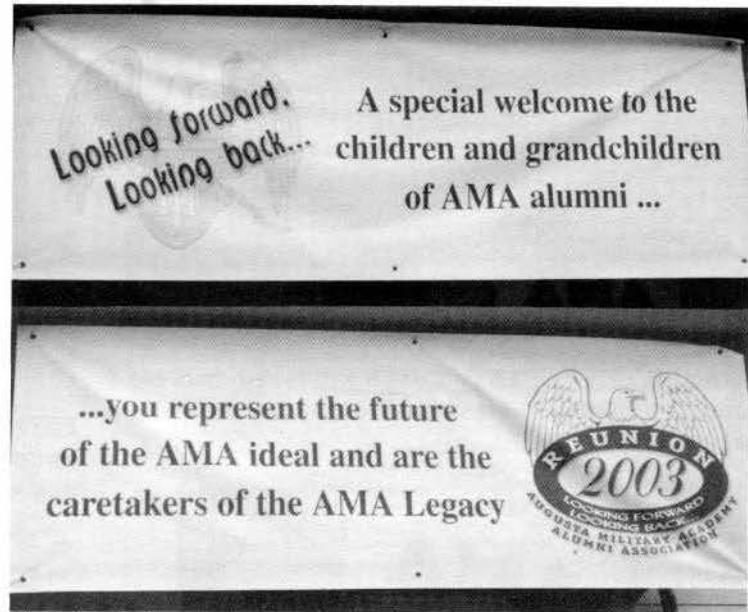
Granger said that as time passes, we will need volunteers to keep the AMA spirit alive through our scholarships and museum. "We can only turn to our children and grandchildren for this," he said.

Many events were scheduled over the reunion weekend to help the offspring of alumni to learn more about their school and the history of the area. On Friday, a motor coach trip to Monticello and the University of Virginia gave a taste of the history which permeates the Valley. On Saturday, alumni and their family members were invited to try their hand at shooting a lacrosse ball into a net, shooting baskets, throwing a football, and fencing, all activities in vogue when AMA was open.

The museum is good place for someone to start who did not know much about "this place." The careful layout guides one from the closing days of the Civil War to where we are today: an alumni association without a school, yet one of the most active and energetic alumni associations to be found anywhere.

That is the "AMA mystique" which others find difficult to fathom. How can there be such loyalty to a place that no longer exists? And yet it does exist in the hearts and minds of every alumnus, but it remains difficult to explain to one who did not have the experience of marching to class here, of football games and dance sets, of saluting passing autos on Route 11, watching movies Saturday night in the Big Room, or getting ready for the annual GI.

**BRANDI
HAYLEY
LEARN
ABOUT
THIS PLACE**

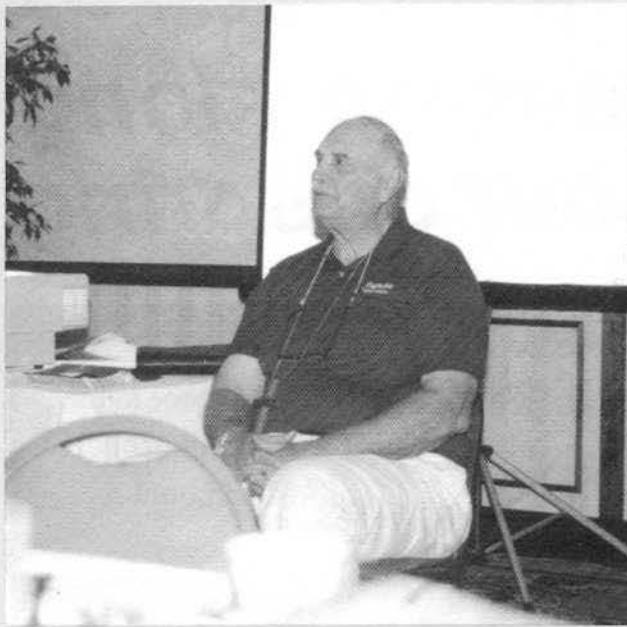


THE CHALLENGE - The banners shown above were exhibited on either side of the alumni house/museum front door, below. The banners were donated by our devoted AMA friend, **Bob Harris**, '54.

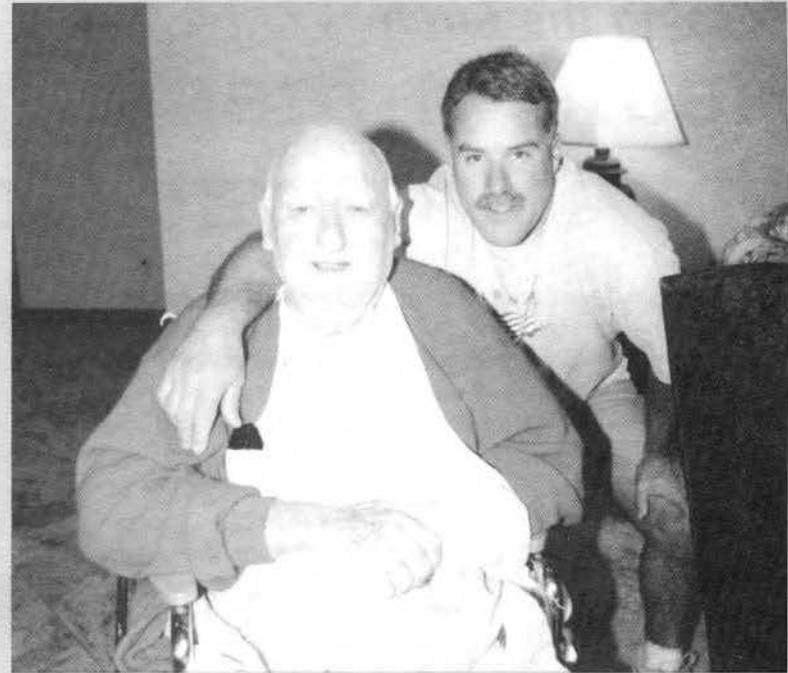


Granger also called on those who have earned an AMA Legacy Scholarship to take the responsibility for preserving Augusta's heritage.

"Our theme this year - 'Looking Forward' - places a special responsibility on our scholarship winners to learn all there is to know about AMA," he said.



PRAAYER BREAKFAST - Coach Bill Ralph had his annual prayer breakfast on the Sunday morning of the reunion.



FATHER-SON COMBINATION - Scott Leavel, '78, came to Reunion 2003 with his Dad, V.P. Leavel, '39. We were all glad to see father and son looking so good!



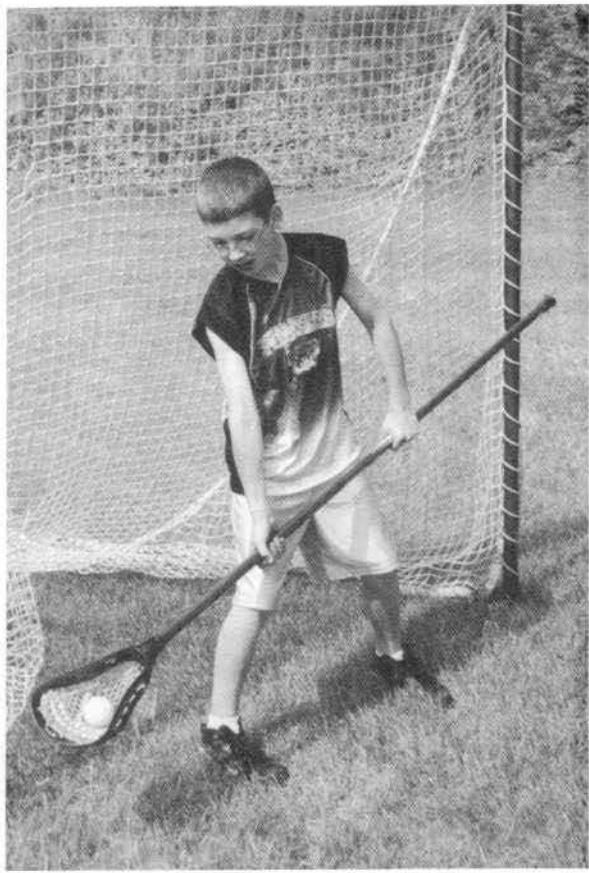
SIGN 'EM UP! - Two young visitors pose with World War II helmets on the porch of the AMA Alumni House/Museum with a banner promoting AMA's salute to its WW II veterans.



President Granger poses proudly with this handsome gift from Ed Chauncey, '49. ↪

Athletic events at Reunion 2003

Fathers and children risk sprains, bruises



MATT MITCHELL, the son of Jim Mitchell, '76, stops a ball in front of the net thrown by.....

They shot baskets and fenced. They tossed footballs and lacrosse balls. Alumni came back to take a shot at doing what they did best on the athletic field while cadets. And their children came too to see how good the old man really was.

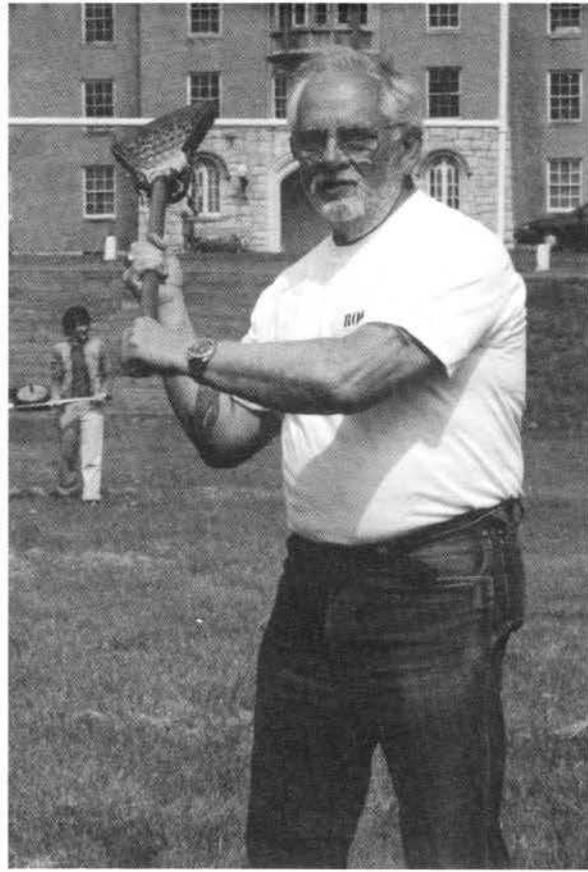
Thanks go to **Brett Thompson**, '75, and his son, Will, who put the games together and rounded up the equipment they needed.

Thanks also to **Scootch Melcher**, '73, and **Gordon Metz**, '68, for providing the fencing equipment.

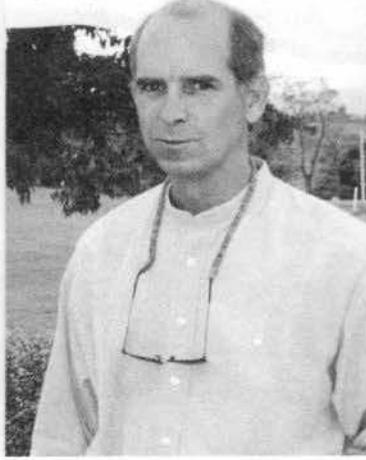
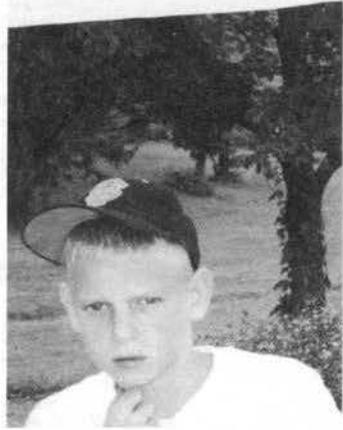
No word on how everyone felt the next day!

It looked like rain, but it didn't come until later. So, the guys and gals played on.

All seemed to have a good time and we didn't need the School Nurse to bandage any wounds.



..... **Dick Young**, '50, who starred on AMA's lacrosse team when he was a cadet.



WILL 'N BRETT - Special thanks go to Will and Brett Thompson, '75, for their work in setting up the games. They didn't get as much help as they had hoped for, nor as big a response from reunion goers, possibly because rain threatened. We owe Brett and Will a big thank you!

TAKING A BREAK - Greg Duran, '73, and Stefan came up from Raleigh to join in the activities. The emphasis of the reunion was passing the AMA legacy torch to our children and grandchildren.

Next year's reunion will be held A WEEK EARLIER - the last weekend in April - 22-24 April



The Saturday Luncheon in the AMA Gymnasium

Clockwise from above, former Marine Sherry Lilley sings the National Anthem; The Fort Defiance High School Jazz Band played World War II era music throughout the lunch from the gym stage. Photo by Bill Rand, '48; Dave Conrad, '59, left, presents an AMA flag to Jon Hatfield, Executive Director of the Virginia War Memorial. The flag will be displayed at the Memorial honoring the 52 Augustans who died in World War II; Massanutten Color Guard presents the Colors; Alumni Association President Garry Granger, '71, presides at the luncheon; some of the luncheon crowd. Photo by Ozzie "Coyote" Ferro, '53.



Seven receive AMA Alumni Medals

Six Augusta Military Academy alumni and the granddaughter of the school's founder received AMA Alumni Medals at the Friday Awards Banquet during Reunion 2003.

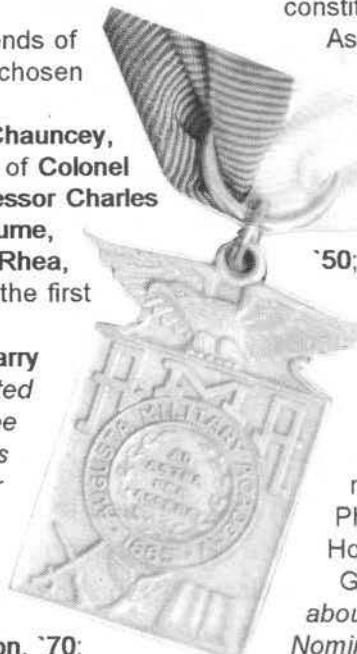
Nominated by alumni, faculty and friends of Augusta, the seven honorees were chosen from a much larger list of worthies.

Selected were **Paul Bratton, '48**; **Ed Chauncey, '49**; **Hilton Roller Grasty**, the daughter of Colonel Tom Roller and granddaughter of Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr., AMA's founder; **Bob Hume, '63**; the late **Ron Mahanes, '53**; **Bobby Rhea, '47**; and **Frank Spencer, '49**. Grasty is the first non-alumnus to receive the medal.

AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '71**, said that he was "delighted at the choices. I know that the committee had a number of worthwhile candidates to consider and I want to thank them for their deliberations and tough choices."

The Medals Committee was chaired by **Bob Bradford, '50**; and its members were Granger, **Frank Williamson, '60**; **John Hash, '75**; **Gary Nicholson, '70**; and **Rod Willey, '51**.

A person can be nominated because he or she has



done one very special thing for the AMA Alumni Association or the AMA Alumni Foundation, or for a series of smaller actions which, when taken together, constitute a significant contribution to the work of the Association and/ or the Foundation.

Medal winners in 2002 were **Dave Conrad, '59**; **Duke Fancher, '58**; **Bob Harris, '54**; **Sergeant Joe Josephson**; **Goodloe Saunders, '57**; **Steve Trent, '70**; **Jerry Wildman, '57**; and **Willey**. Other past winners were **Ed Click, '50**; the late **Bill Gray, '37**; **V.P. Leavel, '39**; **Steve Pearson, '72**; **Williamson**; **Tommy Simmons, '52**; **Gary Nicholson, '70**; the late **Mickey Gordon, '39**; **Bradford**; **Chief Chester Cole**; **B.J. d'Orsay, '70**; **Gordon Metz, '68**; **Sergeant Don Studer**; and **Ben Zinkhan, '60**.

The medal itself hangs from a blue and white ribbon. The presentation includes a certificate. Photos of winners are exhibited in the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

Granger said that "it is not too early to be thinking about who should receive this honor next year. Nominees need not be alumni of AMA. We already have given the medal to former faculty members and this year, for the first time, to a woman."

Paul Hanger Bratton, '48, first came to AMA as a cadet in 1943, in the midst of World War II. By the time of his graduation in 1948, he had twice been named the cadet who had done the most for the school, and he had become the First Captain of the Corps of Cadets. In only his third year, he was elected to Ad Astra. He was an officer of the student body, served on the Honor Committee, and helped to plan several Final Balls.

After military service, he came back to AMA and served for a while in the school's military department. And he has been one of AMA's strongest local voices since that time.

A year or so back, bad health forced his resignation from the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors, but in spite of that, he has volunteered at the House for almost every Friday, making a three hour round-trip from home to do so.

It wouldn't be an AMA reunion without this alumnus and his wife, Ruby, in attendance. He has always been a stalwart defender of General Roller and of our relationship with VMI.

While initially opposed to the AMA Museum concept, he has turned 180 degrees to become one of its most ardent advocates.

The 2003 Augusta Military Academy Alumni Medal is awarded to this member of the Class of 1948, **PAUL BRATTON**.



Paul Bratton responds after having been awarded the Alumni Medal by **Bob Bradford, '50**, background.



Ed Chauncey, '49, holds his medal as he thanks the Association for honoring him.

Ed Chauncey, '49, played Tiger football and JV baseball and fired on the rifle team in his days at Augusta. His service on the Decorating Committee may have helped lead him into the vocation he has chosen for himself. For his sense of what is pleasing to the eye is a valuable asset if you are a collector and purveyor of antiquities.

This dedicated alumnus has given us thousands of dollars in exceptional items which have shown up in our Silent Auctions, and have profited the Foundation and the Association hugely. He gave the AMA Museum three framed originals of Generals Lee, Jackson, and Stuart, each in a period frame with period glass. These hang in the parlor of the Alumni House/Museum and should be examined closely on a visit to the House. You will be looking at history, more than 125 years of it, and looking at three men closely tied with Professor Charles S. Roller, Senior, AMA's founder.

Recently, our honoree has donated an interesting art deco sterling silver bowl engraved, "From the Corps of Cadets, 1929." For whom was this intended? We may never know, but that's how the lore grows. The items this man has donated to us have appraised well above what we dared dream! He is researching hundreds of yet to be catalogued items to tell us of their worth and their place in our history. The 2003 AMA Alumni Medal goes to this member of the Class of 1949, ED CHAUNCEY.

Hilton Roller Grasty has offered encouragement and financial assistance to get us where we are today. If you look in the *Recalls* for the late 1920's and early 1930's, you'll find this honoree listed as sponsor of many campus organizations. The granddaughter of AMA's Founder and the daughter of Colonel Tom Roller, she grew up in Beaumont, the first house south of the Parade Grounds, the stately white Georgian where Colonel Tom and his family lived and grew up.

One can only imagine the reward for the AMA cadets, confined as they were to Augusta's bucolic setting, when for a special few years, she was the only attractive young lady who was seen by the cadets on a regular basis! She spent many youthful days playing in Colonel and Mrs. Robinson's house where the AMA Alumni House/Museum is now located.

From the moment it was announced that this circa 1870 house was being returned to its original pristine condition, this lady has offered her support and her patronage. Not only has she been a major contributor, she has successfully urged her friends and acquaintances to do likewise.

When she was able, she came to AMA and Ad Astra reunions, and traveled to Arlington when AMA honored its alumni who are buried in the Arlington National Cemetery. This is the first award of an AMA Alumni Medal to one not an alumnus or former faculty member... **HILTON ROLLER GRASTY.**



Hilton Roller Grasty with Colonel Will Parkins, 1999



Bob Hume, '63, with his magical bus.

a 2003 AMA Alumni Medal to this member of the Class of 1963, **BOB HUME**.

Ronnie Mahanes, '53, graduated from AMA fifty years ago this year. He drove the school bus and the school Jeep, was a sergeant in Band Company, and always said that he was too busy to go out for sports. And that's pretty much the way he spent his life. Busy with the important things with no time for dalliances and non-productive amusements.

Dr. Samuel Johnson said: *"The love of life is necessary to the vigorous prosecution of any undertaking."* Ronnie did love life, a life which was prematurely and unfortunately shortened by a disrespectful disease. But in the time he had, this man did all he could to keep Augusta Military Academy open.

Once it closed, he did all in his power to see that the school was reopened. You may recall the plan to create a Virginia Military Academy affiliated with Virginia Military Institute and toward this dream, our honoree spared no effort. That this endeavor was not successful does not diminish the sublimeness of the project.

He was President of the AMA Alumni Association at a critical time in the association's existence. He neither flagged nor faltered in his quest to support and promote AMA. We could always count on beautiful flowers from his Charlottesville shop to grace any occasion.

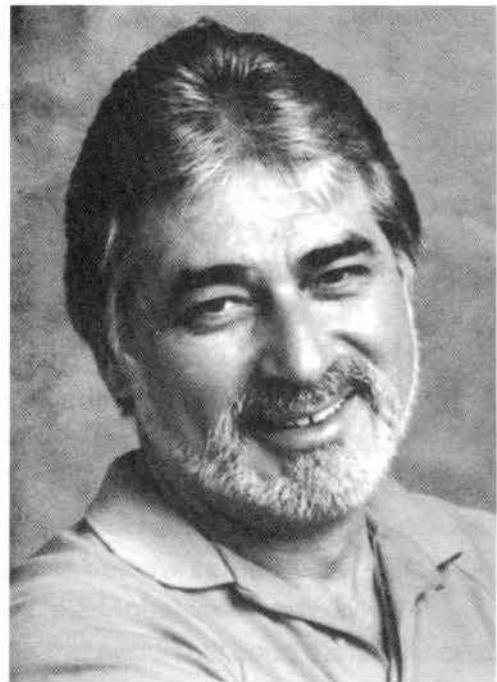
The 2003 AMA Alumni Medal to this member of the Class of 1953... the late **RONNIE MAHANES**.

Bob Hume, '63, was the Captain of Headquarters Company in his senior year. Secretary of the Student Body, Roller Rifles, Honor Committee, baseball, basketball, and the Cotillion Club – a well rounded cadet from any point of view.

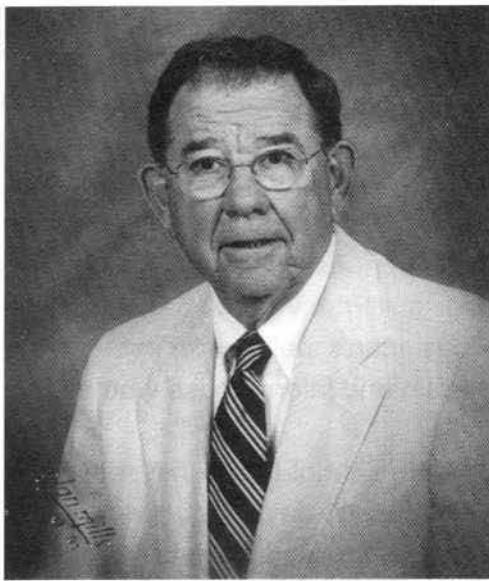
On the Friday of the reunion, many alumni and AMA friends enjoyed the hospitality of this committed and faithful alumnus who was elected to Ad Astra in his senior year. Each year, he not only contributes a luxury motor coach for our Friday reunion outings, but he drives the thing himself! No bus man's holiday for him as he literally goes the extra mile to entertain and inform those who attend our reunions.

And remember that May is the height of the tourist season in the Valley and Friday is one of the busiest days. Yet, every year, without complaint, this man says "yes" when we ask him if he would, for one more year, treat our alumni and friends to a trip on his magical bus. To Charlottesville, Monticello, and the wineries this year. To the D-Day Memorial in Bedford last year. To Lexington and the VMI and Washington and Lee campuses on another occasion.

And what does he get for this extraordinary service? Our thanks, too often muted or not fervently expressed. Now, we seek to correct that! This alumnus makes a major contribution to every reunion, and has done so for many years. We thank him by awarding



Ron A. Mahanes, '53



Robert L. Rhea, '47

Bobby Rhea, '47, has been with the AMA Alumni Association since it was formed 33 years ago.

At Augusta, he was a lieutenant in Headquarters Company, served on the Honor Committee, marched with the Roller Rifles, and went out for track, tennis, fencing, and 150 pound football.

His services to the Alumni Association and the Foundation are without peer. He has donated his legal services for more than three decades, services if performed by a paid attorney would have totalled tens of thousands of dollars.

His advice has always been sound. He worked to create the AMA Alumni Foundation to protect our tax exempt status.

He negotiated the lease that gave us a place on the AMA campus.

He was instrumental in obtaining \$30,000 in seed money for the museum project from an estate. He has served as Parliamentarian to the Board.

He has donated his services in drafting legal correspondence.

He is the registered agent for the association. He dealt with the owners of our school over the school academic and other records.

In other words, he has done what only an attorney could do, and he has done it in a way that has made the Alumni Association and Foundation stronger entities.

The 2003 AMA Alumni Medal goes to this member of the Class of 1947, BOBBY RHEA.

Frank Spencer, '49, is one of our most dedicated volunteers who has involved his family in the good work for AMA. This Ad Astra is generous with both his time and his money. His wife, Ida, and his son, David, '76, have given much time and talent to the museum. Ida made curtains for the House, David hung the curtains, and our honoree watched approvingly!

He is one of the unfortunately few volunteers who are at the House often, a regular volunteer who takes his turn, and maybe someone else's too! An original member of the President's Council, an original member of the Roller Society (as is Ida), and founder of the \$100 Club. Always thinking of new ways to support the work of the association and the foundation. And he has worked to keep the relationship between VMI, his alma mater, and AMA strong.

He is very knowledgeable about what is in the AMA Museum and gives visitors the best possible experience. So good that when two elderly ladies who announced that they were Air Force widows (our honoree was a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force)... when these two ladies said their husbands had gone to school here, our medalist got them two-thirds of the way through the tour before he discovered they thought they were at SMA! Our man finished the tour, then sent the ladies off to look for the ruins of that other place.

Another veteran of Headquarters Company, the 2003 AMA Alumni Medal goes to this member of the Class of 1949... **FRANK SPENCER**.



Frank Spencer, '49, with his wife, Ida, married 50 years on 1 July. Congratulations and thanks!

Three earn AMA Legacy Scholarships

Three descendants of AMA alumni received \$2,000 AMA Legacy Scholarships at the Friday Awards Banquet during Reunion 2003, two of them repeats from last year.

Peter Baxter, the stepson of **Mickey Toms**, '67, and Megan Spigle, the daughter of the late **Mark Spigle**, '74, were the repeat winners while Suzanne Beard, daughter of **Ben Beard**, '65, won a scholarship for the first time.

Bill Scarborough, '69, standing in for AMA Scholarship Committee Chairman **Bruce Orenstein**, '69, said that he had told his grandson who was struggling with his grades that people can take away his money and his freedom, but they will never be able to take away his education. He said that the AMA stipends take away some of the uncertainty associated with college life.

Before the awards were announced, David Click, son of Sue and **Ed Click**, '50, told how he was able to get a

computer with his scholarship grant in 1997, going on to major in engineering at the University of Virginia focusing on solar energy. Click was co-project manager for the University solar project on the Washington Mall which project placed second nationwide. He encouraged support for the AMA scholarship programs as a way to guarantee that AMA's legacy will not be lost over time.

Baxter, a student at William and Mary, expressed surprise at winning for the second time. "I feel that William and Mary is playing the same role in my life that AMA played in my

David Click, son of **Ed**, '50, relates how the AMA Scholarship he earned six years ago has helped him.

stepdad's life," he said. The 20 year old noted that he had spent the first ten years of his life in Colorado and the last ten in Virginia. "There is more tradition in Virginia... and I will work to honor the traditions that AMA represents."

Spigle, who is a freshman at the University of Virginia, said that she is proud to be a part of AMA's legacy. "My father had many wonderful memories of Augusta, but we didn't have a lot of time to share those memories," she said. Her father passed away in 1996. Megan said that she is eager "to learn more about AMA and my Dad's time



Megan Spigle, daughter of the late **Mark Spigle**, '74, accepts her AMA Legacy Scholarship while telling her audience that she wants to learn more about her Dad's days at Augusta. Right, **Peter Baxter**, stepson of **Mickey Toms**, '67, thanks the AMA Alumni Association for his scholarship grant. Both Peter and Megan have earned scholarships for two years in a row.

Photos by B.J. d'Orsay, '70

there." Alumni President **Garry Granger**, '71, has taken this as a challenge and says "we will work to see that Megan does learn more about Augusta and about her Dad's life as an AMA cadet."

The third winner, Suzanne Beard, was unable to attend because the AMA reunion conflicted with her graduation from high school in Pensacola, FL. She will be entering Florida State University this fall after finishing high school with a weighted GPA of 4.3.



Bill Scarborough, '69, presented the scholarships on behalf of the AMA Alumni Foundation.

The AMA Alumni Foundation annually awards the AMA Legacy Scholarships to direct descendants of AMA alumni who are in or about to enter an institution of higher learning past the high school level. The number and amount of the awards depends on resources available.

2003 AMA
Legacy Scholarship
Recipient
Peter Baxter

Peter has done it again!! Peter was a recipient of an AMA Legacy Scholarship last year. Peter M. Baxter is the stepson of Charles Mitchell (Mickey) Toms, Jr. '67. He is a sophomore attending William and Mary College in Williamsburg, VA.



Peter's involvement in the William & Mary College life continues to impress. Peter has continued his love of music while in college, as a member of the William and Mary Jazz Ensemble, playing the trumpet. He also continued his guitar interests by taking classical lessons. Peter's extracurricular activities do not stop here as he has begun a wrestling club at W&M as they do not offer wrestling as a varsity sport. Peter is still actively involved with the Hispanic Cultural Organization and has really gotten into Latin dancing. His salsa and meringue has really "impressed the untrained viewers".

Peter carries a GPA of 3.2 and is an English major already thinking of post graduate studies. While he is focused on a graduate teaching degree at the moment, he is keeping an open mind regarding the pursuit of a Law Degree, which will make his Step-Dad very happy. Peter is planning on studying abroad in Valencia, Spain in his junior year.

Peter stands out among the applicants for the AMA Legacy Scholarship for many reasons. In addition to his outstanding extracurricular activities while maintaining a solid academic performance at a very competitive academic institution, he is an outstanding writer. While it is hard to convey his literary prowess in this short space, suffice it to say, his love of family, especially his relationship with his Step-Dad, was poignantly displayed in his essay as was his views toward his generational responsibilities.

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**2003 Mickey Gordon Memorial
AMA Legacy Scholarship Award
Recipient
Suzanne Beard**

Suzanne is the first recipient of the Mickey Gordon Memorial AMA Legacy Scholarship Award. Suzanne is the daughter of Benjamin (Ben) W. Beard, '65.



Suzanne will be entering Florida State University in the fall after an outstanding high school career at Booker T. Washington High School in Pensacola, Florida. She is on her way to graduating with a weighted GPA of 4.3. During all of her high school years Suzanne was absent from school a total of 5 days.

As part of her application for this scholarship Suzanne submitted a resume that would be the envy of any professional. She is currently the Co-Editor in Chief of her high school yearbook, and has in the past been elected to the Homecoming Court, English Student of the Year, a member of the Math Team, Latin Student of the Year, participant in two Leadership Summits, Who's Who Among High School Students, an Honor Roll participant and a Latin Gold Medalist as a freshman.

Suzanne is a well rounded individual. Intelligence and good academics are only one part of her makeup. She is an avid soccer player, having played three years in high school, starting out as the Junior Varsity Most Valuable Player and ending as the co-captain of the varsity team. She has been involved as a member of the Beta Club, Drama Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, First Priority, Jaycettes, National Honor Society, Science Club and Prom Committee during her years in high school. Community activities include; Local Inner-City, Youth Group Leader at East Brent Baptist Church, Vacation Bible School leader, and Youth Choir.

Suzanne intends to study Exercise Science at FSU. She is certainly a deserving awardee and represents the ideals of Mickey Gordon and the association.

2003 AMA
Legacy Scholarship
Recipient
Megan Elizabeth Spigle

Yes, Megan may sound familiar to us as she has won a Legacy Scholarship yet again. She is a repeat winner from last year. Megan is the daughter of Stephen Mark Spigle '74., (deceased). She is a freshman at the University of Virginia.



Megan's credentials from high school were excellent last year and she continues to impress. Her selection for this year's award was based upon her accomplishments after her high school graduation. Last year at this time she had yet to decide where she was going to matriculate. What a difference a year can make!!! She entered UVA on a whirlwind. She was accepted into the School of Architecture as an entering freshman. She made the Dean's list with a 3.7 GPA her first semester, and entered UVA with several college level courses to her credit.

Megan is about more than academics however, since she has entered college she has joined the Rhapsody Dance Ensemble of UVA, serving as Advertising Officer, Choreographer and Classical Ballet Instructor. She works with the Madison House, UVA's volunteer organization as a chemistry tutor for an Albemalre High School student. She has worked as a volunteer with HIP (Housing Improvement Program), replacing an aging roof, and has participated in a 5K race for cancer. She regularly attends Bible Studies offered by UVA Campus Crusades.

This girl is almost too good to believe!! We know her mother, stepfather and grandparents are proud of her as we all know so would her Dad be. We in the AMA Alumni Association are also proud to have her represent our organization.

Jon Hatfield speaks

Virginia War Memorial Director salutes AMA



Jon Hatfield

Jon Hatfield, Executive Director of the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond, told a luncheon meeting during Reunion 2003 that AMA was a special place where young men experienced things beyond their years.

Hatfield, who is a retired Army lieutenant colonel, said that he can tell what pride and honor the school had just by *"seeing all the activities and the commitment so long after the school closed. That proves the significance of tradition and camaraderie."*

Speaking from the stage of the AMA gymnasium from which 52 AMA cadets went forth to their deaths in World War II, he commended AMA's devotion to our nation's veterans who saved Western Civilization in the great war. Both before and after the luncheon, Hatfield showed moving videos which contained the first hand accounts of veterans who related their spellbinding and often horrific stories.

Talks are underway with the Memorial concerning an oral video history from AMA alumni who are veterans of the war.

After **Phil Myers**, '71, sounded "Soupie" from the knoll in front of Davis Hall, Bagpiper Chris Brumfield led the crowd into the gym. The Massanutton

Military Academy Color Guard presented the Colors, and AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger**, '71, led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. Former Marine Sherry Lilley then sang the National Anthem and AMA Chaplain **Jim Lupton**, '50, delivered the invocation.

The Fort Defiance High School Jazz Band, under the baton of Alan Shull, played Glenn Miller music while the crowd ate, then had the full attention of the attendees when they rendered "American Patrol." The Band concluded with the songs of all the military services and the crowd sang the AMA *alma mater* acappella.

Reunion Chairman **Frank Williamson**, '60, introduced Hatfield for his comments.

Founders Day services took place in the Presbyterian Old Stone Church soon after the luncheon.

Rod Willey, '51, and Sue coordinated the catering of the luncheon.



HATFIELD showed several videos in the AMA Conference Room which attracted many interested alumni. The videos were mainly of former servicemen relating the hell they went through in World War II.



THE FORT DEFIANCE HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND performed during and after lunch, playing music from World War II.

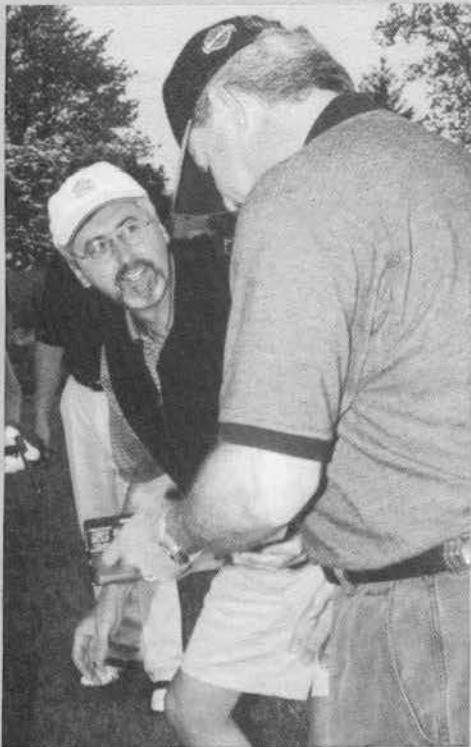


LIGHT UP - Scootch Melcher, '71, and Reed Nettles, '72, fire up stogies at the annual AMA Open.



THE WINNERS - Mickey Toms, '67, Chairman of the AMA Open, right, presents the awards for the winning team of Jack Prentice and Jack May, both from the Class of '68, at the Friday night Awards Banquet.

Photo by B.J. d'Orsay, '70



HOW MANY DO YOU PLAN TO LOSE TODAY? - Mickey Toms, '67, hands out golf balls at the beginning of the 2003 AMA Open.



READY TO ROLL - Doug Pennock, '72, and Tom DelValle, '73, head for the Number One tee.



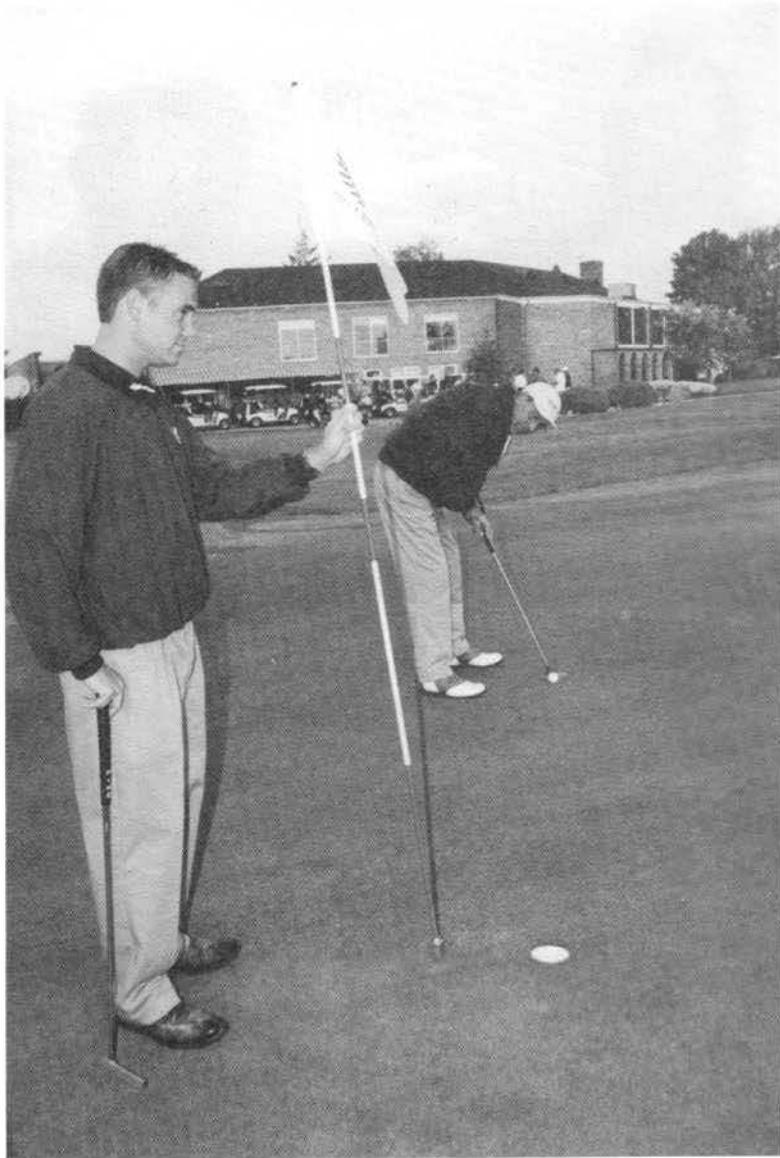
Golfers raise \$1,000 during Reunion 2003

Jack Prentice and Jack May, both from the Class of 1968, burned up the Staunton Country Club course to win the 4th annual AMA Open at ten under par during Reunion 2003. Prentice and May also won the tournament last year. **Mickey Toms**, '67, Chairman of the Open, said jokingly that "next year, we've got to fix it so these two don't win again!"

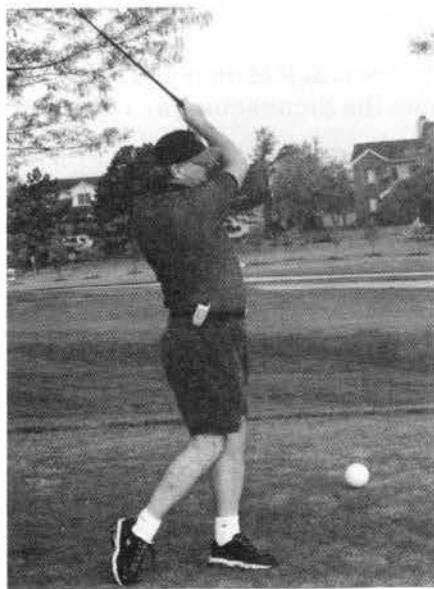
John "I'm not proud" Botcheller, '67, had an eagle and Lewie Kennett, '72, (on #5) and Howard Rosenthal, '68, (on #10) tied for closest to the pin.

In second place at the tournament at eight under par was the foursome of **Scootch Melcher**, '73, **Blaine Clarke**, '72, **Al Zayas**, '72, and Rosenthal. Third place at seven under went to **Garry Granger**, '71; **Tom DelValle**, '73, **Doug Pennock**, '72, and **Reed Nettles**, '72. The Duffers Club Award went to **Bill "Big Stick" Scarborough**, '69, **Phil "Putt-Putt" Casey**, '63, **Rick Varner**, '63, and Rick's son, Jason Varner.

The players raised more than \$1,000 for the AMA Alumni Association with the sale of mulligans and other quasi-legal methods. Said Toms, "We're out there just to have fun and we need more people playing in 2004. You don't have to be a great golfer. Just hit the ball in the general direction intended and you'll fit in with the rest of us."



FATHER AND SON - Rick Varner, '69, lines up his putt at the Staunton Country Club while his son, Jason, tends the pin.



Tom DelValle, '73, tees off





LEGACY - Don Tucker, '63, and Shelby on the University of Virginia campus.



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Councill, '49, share a glass of wine at First Colony



THE LAWN - Frank Williamson, '60, Chairman of Reunion 2003 and the owner of his own tour business, explains the architecture of The Lawn on the campus of UVA.



AT MICHIE TAVERN - Dr. Don Elston, '44; Jan d'Orsay (Mrs. B.J., '70); and Don's wife, Shirley.



TOGETHER AGAIN - Al Wattay, '53, and his Diane with Lucretia Balbis and her Manuel, '53.



THE PICTURE SAYS IT ALL - The dogwood, Virginia's state flower. The cardinal, the Virginia state bird. Bob Hume, '63, in his Augusta jacket standing by his exquisite motorcoach which hauled a busload of happy Augustans on the annual reunion trip. Thanks – again – Bob! Photo by Al Wattay, '53



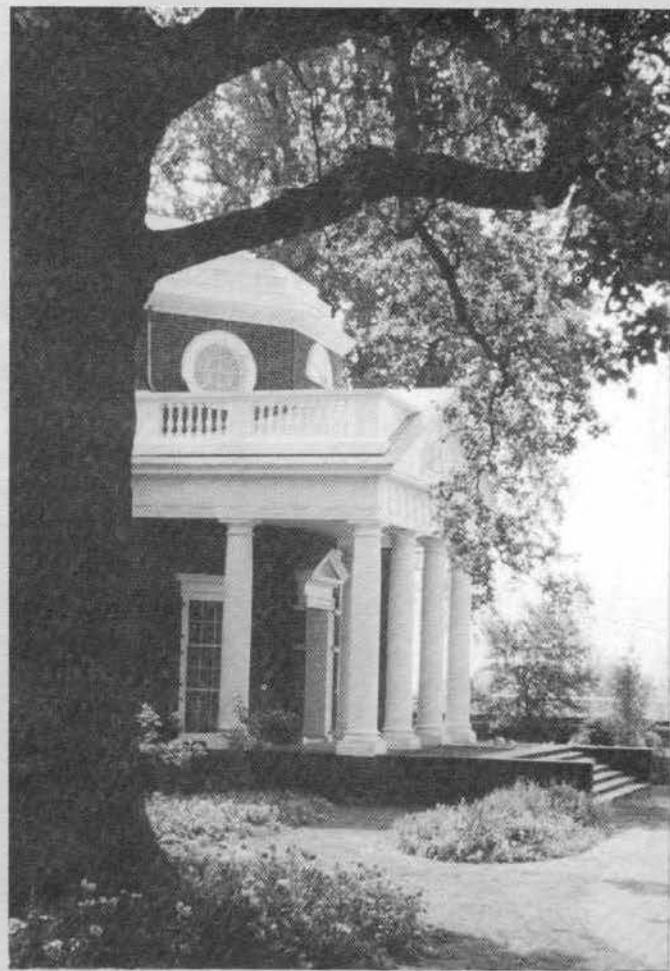
SOUPIE - The travelers line up for lunch at Michie Tavern. Photo by Al Wattay, '53



ALONG FOR THE RIDE - Goodloe Saunders, '57, and Brenda with Frank Williamson, '60, and Bev.

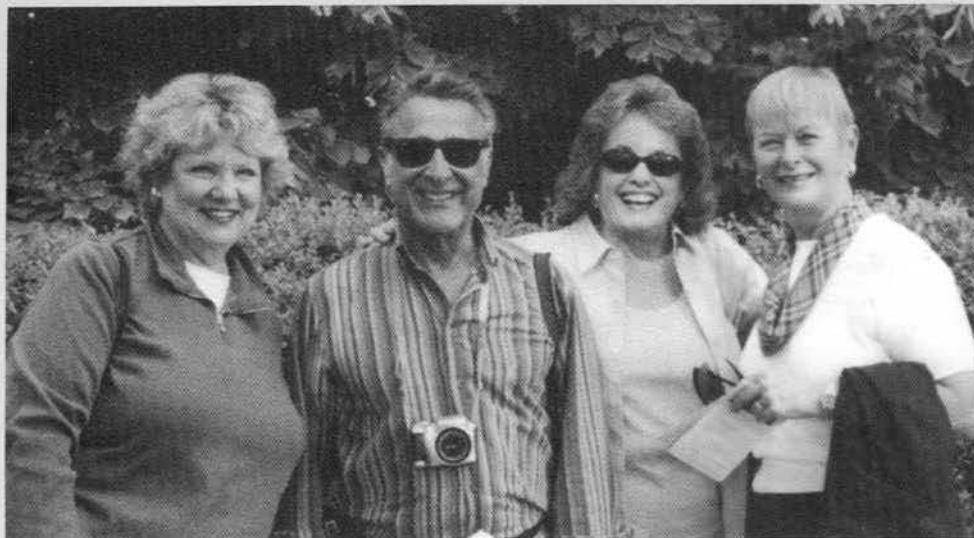
Monticello, UVA, Virginia wineries

Bob Hume's Magic Bus Ride



"All my wishes end where I hope my days will end, at Monticello." - Thomas Jefferson





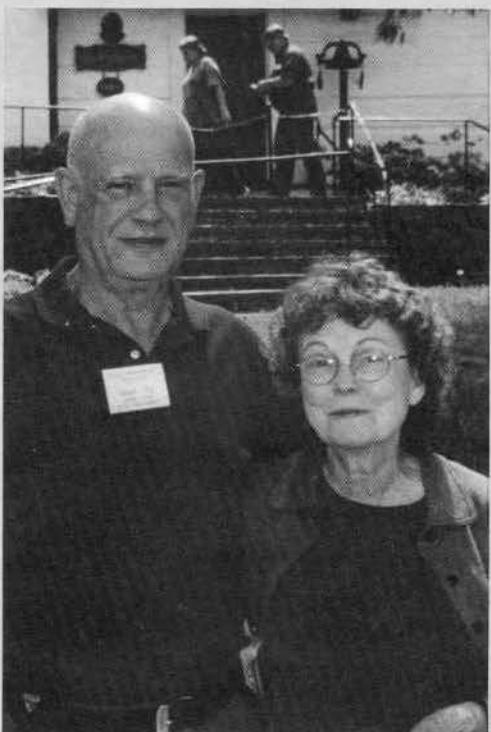
ON THE FRIDAY TRIP - Nancy Bradford (Mrs. Bob, '50); Manuel Balbis, '53, and Lucretia; and Diane Wattay (Mrs. Alex, '53) Photo by Al Wattay, '53



AT THE JEFFERSON WINERY - Dr. "Boots" Solan, '43, and Marge



BUCOLIC SETTING - Relaxing on the Friday trip during Reunion 2003 are Nancy Botcheller (Mrs. John, '67); Gerri and Steve Trent, '70; Brenda Metz (Mrs. Gordon, '68); Jim Councill, '49; and Gordon Metz, '68.



SITTING AT TJ'S FEET - The tour guide at Monticello explains to the Augustans the marvelous innovations that Jefferson incorporated in his historic home.

AT MICHIE TAVERN - Shad White, '52, and Patricia, ready for some of their famous fried chicken.

Volunteers again chief focus of annual meeting

For the third straight year, the annual membership meeting of the AMA Alumni Association concentrated in large part on the need for volunteers to staff the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

Paul Bratton, '48, who had been honored the night before with an AMA Alumni Medal for his volunteer efforts, challenged fellow alumni to help out at the House. *"If you try it, you'll like it,"* he said, backing up his claim with the promise of a \$15 donation to the Association for each day a new volunteer is on the job.

AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger, '71**, reminded alumni that there are signs ready to go up on I-81 advertising the museum. **Norvell West, '63**, had the signs prepared at a personal cost of \$12,000, but they cannot be installed until the Museum is able to be open for at least six hours a day six days a week.

"People who know say that we can greatly increase traffic at the Museum once these signs are in place, and this eventually will mean additional dollars for the Association and the Foundation," Granger said.

Bratton, who had to leave the Board last year because of health reasons, nevertheless makes a three hour round trip to volunteer at the museum each Friday. *"An incredible commitment,"* Granger said.

Granger reported that attendance at Reunion 2003 was down slightly from previous years in spite of the fact that many alumni came to the reunion with their children and grandchildren.

Treasurer **John Hash, '75**, reported assets of \$180,267 at the end of April and said that extra efforts need to be made to get contributions in October, November and December. *"Our bills keep coming in whether or not it's Christmas and we need for our alumni to think of us in those last three months of each year."*

Ben Zinkhan, '60, reported that duct repair work at the House has been completed. He estimated that it will cost some \$4,000 to paint the entire House, something that needs to be done in the next two years.



BIG THREE - Treasurer John Hash, '75, and former Alumni Association President Goodloe Saunders, '57, confer with President Garry Granger, '71, just before the annual membership meeting begins.



READY FOR BUSINESS - A quartet of alumni await the start of the annual meeting: Ed Chauncey, '49; Jim Councill, '49; George Holt, 60; and Dave Conrad, '59.

Six alumni were elected or reelected to serve on the board: **George Holt, '60**; **Clyde Ramsey, '49**; **Frank Spencer, '49**; **Frank Williamson, '60**; **Al Zayas, '72**; and **Zinkhan**.

Leaving the board with the grateful

thanks of the association were **Stride Coleman, '72**; **Bobby Rhea, '47**; **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**; **Bill Scarborough, '69**; **Jim Starnes, '50**; and **Willis Walker, '71**.



Silent Auction pulls in \$3,334

A hand crafted guitar and a Civil War saber brought top dollar at the annual Silent Auction during Reunion 2003.

Auction Chairman **Dave Conrad**, '59, thanked the donors and the purchasers for making the event such a success. "Year after year, alumni and friends bring their valuable items to the reunions. What may seem to be 'junk' to one person is a treasure to another, and we are always grateful," Conrad said. The event went on all day Friday and Saturday with final bids closing at 9 PM Saturday evening.

The guitar was built by luthier **Bob Gebeaux**, '62, whose hobby is the manufacture of stringed instruments. **Lewie Kennett**, '72, bought it for \$501.

The Civil War saber, which came with a stand, was donated by **Van Nitz**, '74, who owns and operates Fields of Glory, a Civil War shop in Gettysburg. Mike Farrell paid \$475 for the saber.

Nancy Bradford (**Mrs. Bob**, '50) bought two beautifully framed oils for \$300 which had been donated by **Ed Chauncey**, '49. Items donated by Chauncey to this year's Silent Auction netted \$1,700 for the Alumni Association.

John Hash, '75, paid \$225 for an AMA quilt, hand made by Mary Ann Councill (**Mrs. Jim**, '49). Jon Hatfield, the Executive Director of the Virginia War Memorial paid \$204 for a Confederate \$1 note, a Confederate 50¢ note and an Augusta County Confederate note, all given by Chauncey.

Leonard Wilson, '43, had the top bid of \$140 for a picture of Kershaw's Brigade which was donated by Chauncey. Jim Council bought a picture of West Point cadets, also donated by Chauncey, for \$125 while **Al Wattay**, '53, paid \$110 The Guardian, again donated by Chauncey.

B.J. d'Orsay, '70, bought a flag quilt for \$105 while Leah Metz paid \$100 for the picture of a sulky rider given by Lynda Conrad (**Mrs. Dave**, '59). **Clyde Ramsey**, '49, had the top bid of \$76 for a lithograph of a striking striper which



came from Ed Chauncey's collection, **Garry Granger**, '71, bought a Chauncey piece for \$75.

Casey Mitchell and **Shelby Tucker** each made a best offer of \$65 for two other Chauncey items while **Dr. Don Elston**, '44, and **Al Zayas**, '72, each paid \$60 for country hams donated by Susan Nicholson (**Mrs. Gary**, '70). **Blaine Clarke**, '72, and **Ramsey** each paid \$50 for other Chauncey framed items while **John Botcheller**, '67, bought a Kentucky ham, donated by **Don Tucker**, '63, for \$45. **Wattay** got one of Tucker's hams for \$30. **Tom Mitchell**, '52, paid \$45 for a picture of a golfer which had been offered by Chauncey. **d'Orsay** got a Currier and Ives print from Chauncey for \$45.

Sue Willey (**Mrs. Rod**, '51) bought two clown paintings from Chauncey's collection for \$41 each while Chauncey bought a beach runner that had been donated by Bob Gorgraut for \$40. **John Core**, '51, had the top bid of \$40 for an old map of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, once more from the Chauncey collection.

Other winning bids: **Ramsey**, \$15 for Korean War glasses donated by Lynda Conrad; **Zayas**, \$30 for a walking stick donated by **Sergeant Joe Josephson**; **Brenda Metz** (**Mrs. Gordon**, '68), \$30 for a Chauncey lithograph; **Bonnie Gebeaux** (**Mrs. Bob**, '62), \$25 for May Parish prints from Chauncey; **Gerri Trent** (**Mrs. Steve**, '70), \$25 for May Parish prints from Chauncey; **Mike Basto**, '63, \$25 for a belt buckle donated by **Robbie Rhodes**, '63.

Tyree Leath, '68, \$20 for space pictures donated by **John Collins**; **Zayas**, \$20 for a 108th Coat of Arms, contributed by Chauncey; **Brenda Metz**, \$10 for a 1940's ROTC patch from Chauncey; **Wattay**, \$10 for a book, *December 6*; **Brenda Metz**, \$10 for a mailbox cover; and **Morgan Leavel**, \$6 for a golf accessory.

Conrad said this was a good result, "but already we are looking at even bigger and better items next year."

'Tower of Power' near \$6,000

Frank Williamson's 'Tower of Power' has raised nearly \$6,000 for AMA since he first introduced the idea several years ago.

The tower is made to look like a turret at Big Barracks with an American Flag flying from the rampart. Inside, is an exquisite brew known to all the world as Virginia Gentleman. At each reunion, Frank and **Dave Conrad**, '59, donate several bottles of the wonderful stuff which is raffled off.

The bottle inside the tower has another purpose. It is to age until there are just two AMA alumni left at which point they will drink to all who went before.

Frank and his ticket sellers worked the receptions, parties and the Friday dinner with one drawing taking place on Friday night and the others on Saturday night. A great idea, Frank! Thanks!





Certified

President Garry Granger, '71, handed out Certificates of Appreciation to five special folks at the Friday Awards Banquet. Counter clockwise, Stephanie Clifton, the Sales Manager at the Holiday Inn which is AMA Reunion Headquarters; Ben Zinkhan, 60, who was named Volunteer of the Year for all the work he does at the Museum; Sue Messerley of Mid Valley Press who prints *The Bayonet* with loving care; Tim Mizer, Ben's stepson, who has done so much at the Alumni House; and Bob Smith, Ben's friend, who also volunteers his services to AMA.



Thanks to the people who made Reunion 2003 possible!

Bob Harris, '54, for all of the beautiful printing work he provided for the reunion + **Massanutten Military Academy** for providing the excellent Color Guard, and personal thanks to Major Roy Berwick + the **Fort Defiance High School Jazz Band** conducted by Alan Shull +

Bagpiper Chris Brumfield and **Richard**

McLaughlin, '48, for having sponsored him + **Sherry Lilley** who sang the National Anthem at the Saturday Lunch in the AMA Gymnasium + **Jon Hatfield**, Executive Director of the Virginia War Memorial, our luncheon speaker + **Phil Myers, '71**, who handled bugler duties beautifully and flawlessly + **Susan and Harry Baldwin, '72**, for bringing the outstanding team of Percheron horses to provide wagon rides around the Bowl + **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, and **Lewie Kennett, '72**, for hanging the giant flag in

the gymnasium + **Tommy Simmons, '53**, for his bartending expertise + **Nick Syropoulos, '69**, for purchasing all the bar necessities and **Howard Rosenthal, '68**, for delivering them to the Reunion Hospitality Tent + **Gary Nicholson, '70**, for catering, scheduling, coordinating the food-servicing, and for firing the cannon on cue + **Tyree Leath, '68**, for assisting with the cannon + **Brett Thompson, '75**, and his son, Will, for coordinating the athletic events + **Bruce Hemp** for assistance with flowers and sports + **Jeff Wenzel, '70**, for donating the ferns on the stage + **Ron "Scootch" Melcher, '71**, and **Gordon Metz, '68**, for providing fencing equipment for the athletic activities + **Dave Conrad, '59**, for running a very successful Silent Auction + **Al Zayas, '72**, for contributing goodies for the golfers + **Mickey Toms, '67**, for managing the AMA Open Golf Tournament + the **United Pentecostal Church** for letting AMA use the gymnasium, the front field and the public address system + **The Old Stone Presbyterian Church** for permitting us to have our Founders Day services there + **Coach Bill Ralph** for his prayers on Saturday and for the Sunday morning prayer breakfast + **AMA Chaplain Jim Lupton, '50**, for his moving prayers + **Colonel Will Parkins, '35**, for delivering the Founders Day address + **Frank Spencer, '49**, **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, **Sergeant Joe Josephson**, **Sergeant Don Studer**, **Chief Chester Cole**, **Liz Hash** and **Duke Fancher, '58**, for providing tours of the AMA Museum when the school

children visited on Friday of Reunion 2003 weekend + **Blaine Clarke, '72**, for handling the tennis and sporting clay events + **Sue and Rod Willey, '51**, for arranging the Thursday Reception at the Staunton Country Club, catering for the Saturday luncheon, and the Sunday

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meeting at the Club + **Joyce Zinkhan** for the flowers that were in the Museum during the reunion and for making her special ham biscuits for the Saturday morning continental breakfast + **Jerry Wildman, '57**, for the AMA Alumni Medal exhibit at the AMA Alumni House + **Julian Quarles, '35**, and **Richard McLaughlin, '48**, for meeting with 7th graders at the Museum to share World War II experiences + **Paul Bratton, '48**, who challenged fellow alumni to volunteer at the House, offering \$15 to the AMA Alumni Association

for every day a volunteer serves + **Dave Conrad, '59**, for running the Silent Auction + **Carl Riedell, '63**, and **Bonnie and Bob Gebeaux, '62**, for manning the registration desk + **Bob Hume, '63**, for once again donating his wonderful motor coach and his services for the Friday trip to Charlottesville, Monticello, Michie Tavern, the University of Virginia, and two wineries + **Dwight Van Nitz, '74**, for donating an extraordinary Union Army Civil War saber to the Silent Auction + **Bob Gebeaux, '62**, for his exquisite hand made guitar, donated to the Silent Auction + **Tim Mizer** for baking and decorating the AMA Reunion 2003 cake + **Ed Chauncey, '49**, for his contribution of many hundreds of dollars worth of collectibles for the auction + **Paul Bratton, '48**, for always being there + **Ed Chauncey, '49**, for the bourbon to make the mint juleps + **Dave Conrad, '59**, and **Frank Williamson, '60**, for the tequila for the Cinco de Mayo party + **Ozzie "Coyote" Ferro, '53**, for a case of tequila + **Ron Reigleman, '61**, for running the Kentucky Derby Pool + All the fellows who helped to get the pavers installed before the reunion + **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, and **Rod Willey, '51**, for mulching the beds around the AMA Alumni/House Museum

+ A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE OTHER FOLKS, UNSEEN AND UNHERALDED, WHO HELPED MAKE THE REUNION A SUCCESS!



Last chance! Sign up NOW for the fabulous AMA trip to the World War II battlefields of Europe. Details in the center section pullout.

Saunders new Foundation Chairman

Foundation amends scholarship program

Future AMA Legacy Scholarships will be concentrated more and more on high school students just entering college, a return to the original concept of giving youngsters a boost when they first go to an institution of learning past the high school level. The decision was made at the annual meeting of the AMA Alumni Foundation Board of Trustees during Reunion 2003.

Gordon Metz, '68, Foundation Chair for the past year, did not seek reelection and **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, a former President of the AMA Alumni Association, was chosen to replace Metz. Metz will remain as Chairman of the Roller Society.

The Board also elected **Duke Fancher, '58**, and **Gary Nicholson, '70**, to the Board of Trustees. Fancher has been the leader of the effort to establish and maintain the AMA Museum. Nicholson is past president of the alumni association.

Unfair advantage

In discussing the plan to offer more scholarship help to high school graduates on their way to college, Saunders pointed out that it is an unfair advantage for students already in college to be competing with high school seniors when the required essay carries such big weight in the selection process. *"It is obvious that a college junior will have a better chance of getting the judge's attention with his or her essay than would a high school senior,"* Saunders said.

In 2004, at least one high school senior will be awarded an AMA Legacy Scholarship. In 2005, at least two scholarships will go to high school seniors entering college for the first time. By 2006, all the scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors, the original intention of the program.

It was also decided that no applicant can receive more than two scholarships from the AMA Legacy Program. Each year, the number and value of the scholarships will be determined by resources available.

The Board discussed efforts to get the AMA Museum open for at least six hours a day six days a week. This is the minimum requirement to have signs posted on Interstate 81 pointing the way to the Museum. The signs already have been manufactured and donated by **Norvell West, '83**.

Jeff Schroeder, '67, has put together a program to help with managing Foundation accounting. **John Hash, '75**, Foundation and Association Treasurer, will work with Jeff.

The Foundation voted to promote the Roller Society as a means of securing planned gifts similar to the generous bequest from the late **Mickey Gordon, '39**.



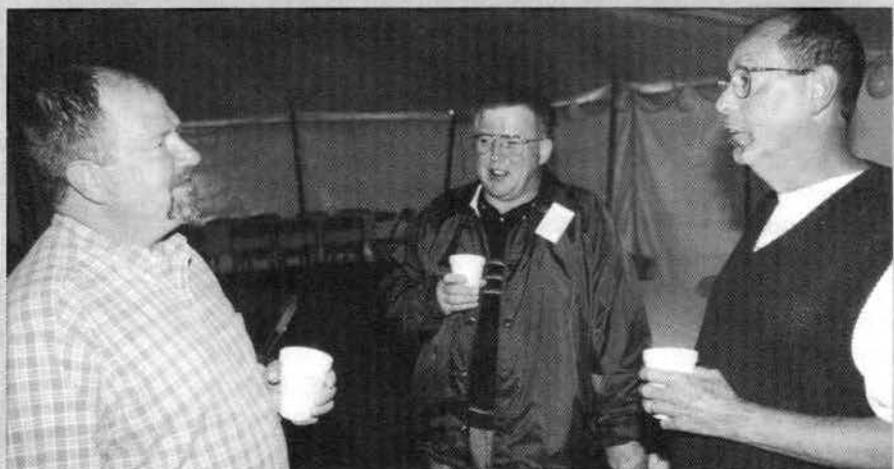
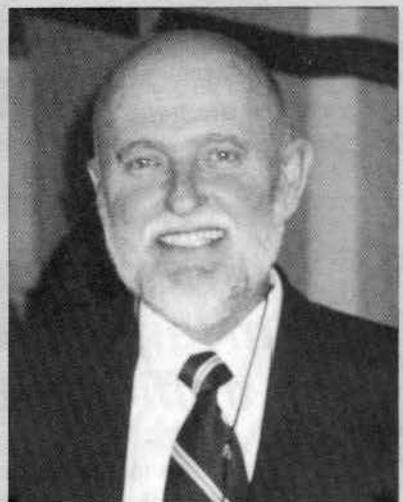
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - The Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation Board of Trustees met at the Staunton Country Club for a working breakfast during Reunion 2003. L. to r., John Hash, '75, Foundation and Association Treasurer; Goodloe Saunders, '57, new Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Rod Willey, '51; Frank Williamson, '60; Gary Nicholson, '70; Garry Granger, '71, President of the AMA Alumni Association; and Gordon Metz, '68, outgoing Chairman of the board and Chairman of the Roller Society. Missing from the photo are newly elected trustee Duke Fancher, '58, and Bob Bradford, '50.

New sign on Route 11 will mean increased summer traffic; volunteers needed!

With the installation of a new sign on Route 11 which advertises the AMA Museum, more visitors are expected over the summer months. More visitors means that more volunteers are needed.

Paul Bratton, '48, who has been volunteering at the Museum every Friday, says that once someone volunteers for a day, *"he or she will come back again. I can guarantee that!"* **Frank Spencer, '49**, another faithful volunteer says that he has met old friends and learned a lot more about AMA just by volunteering at the House.

Luke Snyder, '60, came up from North Carolina and spent an entire week at the House while **Tom DelValle, '73**, flew in from Dallas to take his turn. Both say the same thing: the training is a snap and the experience is one of a lifetime. Will you help us this summer? Call Liz Hash at the AMA Alumni House/Museum at 540/248-3007. Thank you!



"All you have to do is pass on"

Gordon Metz, '68, promotes Roller Society

The Chairman of the Roller Society explained to his audience that becoming a member of the Society is quite easy: *"All you have to do is pass on."*

The remark made in jest contains an underlying truth: that each alumnus and friend of AMA *"should look into his or her heart and make a planned gift which will mean so much to all that we are doing."*

Gordon Metz, '68, asked reunion attendees to sign up for the Roller Society while in Fort Defiance. *"We don't even need to know what or how much you will leave for AMA's programs,"* he said. *"Those who do pledge to leave something to AMA will have their names added to the plaque in the Alumni*

House. You'll be in very good company!" Metz said.

Metz recalled when as few as 20 people attended an AMA Reunion a score of years back. *"Now, look around,"* he told the banquet crowd. *"All of you are here because you love AMA. Things mean more to you as time goes on and the Roller Society gives you the opportunity of paying*



Gordon Metz, '68, addresses the Friday Awards Banquet about the importance of planned giving.

AMA back in part for what it meant in your life."

He pointed out that there are many ways to continue helping AMA after we are gone. Life insurance, stocks, bonds, cash, and property are but a few of the options available, many of which will help your estate reduce the taxes levied on what you leave behind. *"What Mickey Gordon did for AMA is a good example of what can be done,"* said Metz. *"Stay with us as long as you can, but when you go, don't forget us!"* he said to laughter.

Metz recalled that he was in Fort Defiance on AMA's darkest day: the January day in 1984 when returning cadets found their school closed. *"Now, look at us! Our Museum is equal to any*

small museum you will ever see. The Bayonet is a first class publication, second to none. And we were all proud to give out the scholarships tonight. We need to continue these good things and you can be remembered long after you are gone by joining the Roller Society to assure that our museum, The Bayonet, and our scholarships continue."

I want to become a member of *The Roller Society*

I am making arrangements for a deferred gift which will benefit the AMA Alumni Foundation when I pass on.

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(Your signature)

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HORSING AROUND - The threat of rain did not deter Harry Baldwin, '72, from giving rides in a wagon pulled by a team of mighty Percherons. Photo by B.J. d'Orsay, '70.



53 REASONS - Five guys from the Class of 1953 in the AMA Museum. L. to r., John Fox, Terry Duval, Phil Thomas, Sam Martin and Lew Mundin. Photo by Al Wattay, '53



UNDER THE GUN - Well, by the gun. B.J. d'Orsay, '70, and Jan with AMA's new 105mm howitzer.



DINNER ROLL CALL - Shirley and Don Elston, '44, at the Saturday lunch in the AMA Gymnasium. Cadets will recall that the first meal of the day was called Breakfast Roll Call (BRC), the noon meal Dinner Roll Call (DRC), and the evening meal Supper Roll Call (SRC).



Founders Day ceremonies

Colonel Parkins recalls The Big Boy

Colonel Will Parkins, '35, remembered General Charles S. Roller, Jr. as a "warm and charismatic man, my



Colonel Will Parkins, '35

main recollection of him being his car, the Gray Ghost, bouncing over the farm land he owned with the horn blowing all the way."

Confining his remarks to the Big Boy, Parkins said he never could figure out why General Roller blasted his horn to announce his arrival. "He never caught anyone doing anything wrong because they always knew that he was coming!"

Not since 2000 have Founders Day ceremonies been conducted in the Stone Church Cemetery where AMA's founder and his offspring lay. The threat of rain has moved the services inside the 250 year old church for each of the past three years.

Substitute speaker

Parkins was a last minute substitute speaker for Joe McCue, '66, the son of Colonel Cyrus McCue. McCue had a death in his family which prevented his participation.

Parkins, who graduated from AMA

in 1935 and came back after service in World War II to be the AMA Post Adjutant, said that General Roller was "a great salesman for VMI where he went to school with General George Marshall." During the first years of World War II, Roller would implore Marshall not to call AMA faculty members to active duty feeling that AMA could serve a good purpose by getting a cadre of men ready to become commissioned officers.



Frank Williamson, '60

Coach Bill Ralph asked for blessings on the gathering and Frank Williamson, '60, Chairman of Reunion 2003, read the names of AMA alumni and faculty members who had passed away since Reunion 2002.

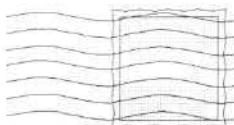
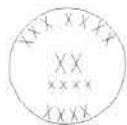
As huge raindrops fell, thunder rolled, and lightning flashed, AMA Alumni President Garry Granger, '71, and Williamson went to the Roller obelisk in the Stone Church Cemetery to place an AMA wreath there. (Picture at right)



The Massanutton Military Academy Color Guard moves into place before the Stone Church altar during Founders Day services. When the colors were presented and the names of the dead were read, Phil Myers, '71, bugled a perfect Taps which echoed through the ancient church with emotional results.



Letters to the Editor



Almost next door neighbors!

I got to meet **Enrique Aguilera, '43**, at the May AMA Reunion. It turns out he lives on Key Biscayne. So do I! He lives in a condo called Casa del Mar, a condo my father built while I was an AMA cadet. He was a very good friend of my father's and now lives next door to my mother's best friend! Small world, huh?

Al Zayas, '72
Key Biscayne, FL

Proud cadet for one year

My parents dropped me off at AMA quite unceremoniously my freshman year as they were on the way to a new home in Southern California. While I did not graduate from AMA and regret that I didn't stay, I was a proud cadet for a year and was one of just two new cadets to make buck sergeant, and I won the Best New Cadet competition five out of six times. And I enjoyed great times at **Don Malnati's** house in Maryland on weekends.

Ian McKnight, '72
by e-mail

A Father's Pride

Sadly, my father, **John Tobias Cover, '32**, passed away in 1987. From my earliest memories, I felt that AMA was a very special place because of his pride in the school and in the fact that he graduated from there. My parents lived in Staunton for many years. My grandmother and **Mrs. Charles Roller, Jr.** were friends. I have my father's *Ad Astra* pin safely tucked away in my jewelry box. It meant the world to him, and therefore to me.

He played on AMA's football team, and I remember he told us that he had once scored a touchdown – except that he ran the wrong way! He thought it was funny later in his life, but likely not at the time.

I dated at AMA and had many friends in the Classes of 1959-61. So many memories surface – the Fall when the leaves are turning and the air is crisp; **Doc Savedge** who drove all the girls nuts; the Gray Ghost; the day President Eisenhower came to visit AMA; dances and uniforms and dress parades and giggling girls. I wish my father were still here to share his memories with other AMA friends.

Besty Cover Crawford
Smithfield, NC

New date in 2004 for AMA Reunion

If you came to Reunion 2003, I know you had a good time. For those who didn't, you missed quite a weekend.

It stirred me to read the names of those who died since our last reunion. Two cadets from my era were on the list: **Clay Willcox, '61**, and **Jackie Jackson, '60**. We are losing friends in increasingly large numbers.

Don't let anything deter you from coming to the 2004 reunion. Don't have to say, "Gee, I wish I had seen him again after so long a time." Next year, the reunion will be held the last week of April instead of the first weekend in May. Call a fellow cadet and plan now to be in Fort Defiance on April 22-23, 2004.

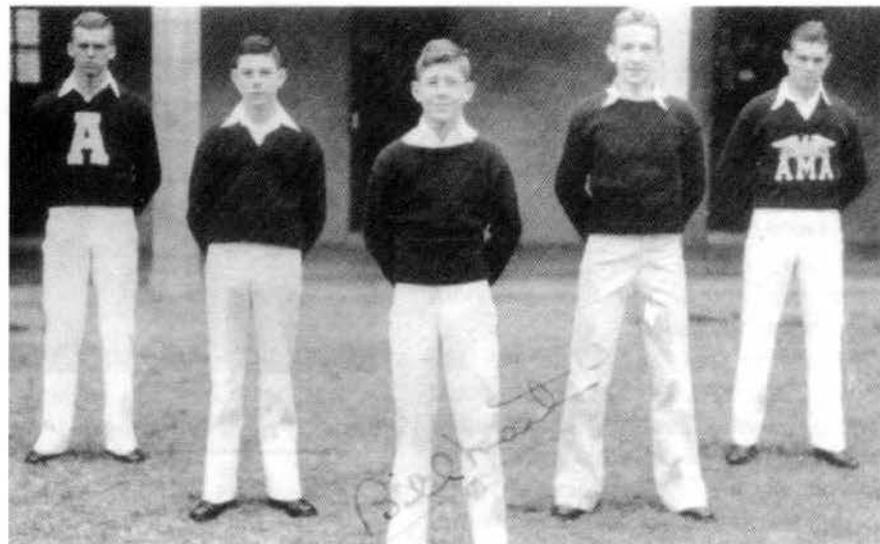
Frank Williamson, '60
Chairman, Reunion 2003
Richmond, VA

Spoke at AMA graduation

I have just read the last issue of *The Bayonet* and I want to congratulate you on the spirit which keeps AMA alive. I left AMA in 1932 where I had been quarterback of the Minnow football team and was the head cheerleader (see photo below). My only visit to AMA since was to speak to the graduating class around 1965. I retired from the Air Force three years later.

Keep up the good work! Memories of the graduates of their days at Augusta are so very important.

W.K. "Bill" Martin, '32, Park City, UT
Lieutenant General, USAF (Retd)



HEAD CHEER LEADER **Billy Martin, '32**, stands at the center of the 1931-32 cheerleading team. Young Billy went on to be a three star general in the USAF.

Going to Air Force Officer Training School

I am grateful to the AMA Alumni Association for the scholarship I received and for all their help and support. I have been accepted into the US Air Force Officer Training School in spite of the discouragement I received from the Air Force recruiter. He bluntly told me that I had to "shed some pounds" before I had any chance.

So, I lost 30 pounds and put together my application
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Plaque will honor the Presidents of the AMA Alumni Association

A beautiful plaque with the profile of an American Eagle now hangs in the AMA Alumni House/Museum, a tribute to past, present and future Presidents of the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association. (Photo on page 8)

Donated by Ed Chauncey, '49, the plaque bears the legend: *Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock; you find them one at a time.* Former Alumni Association President **Goodloe Saunders**, '47, presented the handsome piece to the incumbent president, **Garry Granger**, '71.

Saunders lauded those who been leaders of the association, saying, "This is a very small group of fellows who have volunteered their time and money, worked hard and diligently and who get few thanks."

In response, Granger said, "My heart is at AMA, and I am honored to be a part of the leadership of the association."



CLOSE AGAIN - Gordon Metz, '68, and Brenda with Nancy and John Botchellor, 67. The Botchellors are Godparents for the Metz' son, Christopher.

Photo by Nancy Botchellor

Put it on your calendar **NOW** so you'll not forget:
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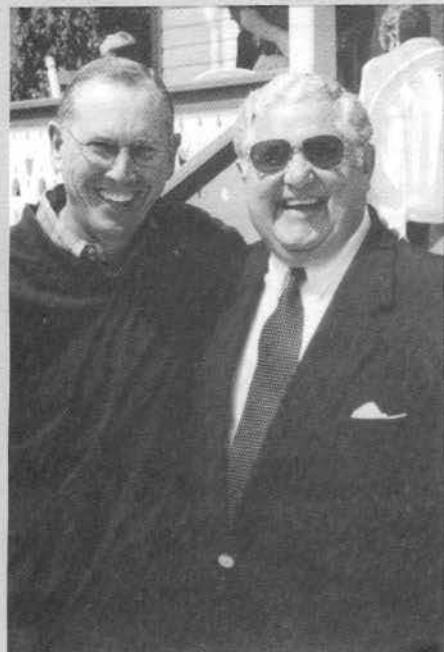
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THE BIG BOY made a surprise appearance at the Friday Awards Banquet. The Colonel protested that he had found "a rattlesnake on the ground outside," the name he had for a cigarette butt. Note the colonel's eagle and the scrambled eggs on the cap. Yes, that really is Frank Williamson, '60, but it was a very good imitation of that Grand Old Man we all loved.



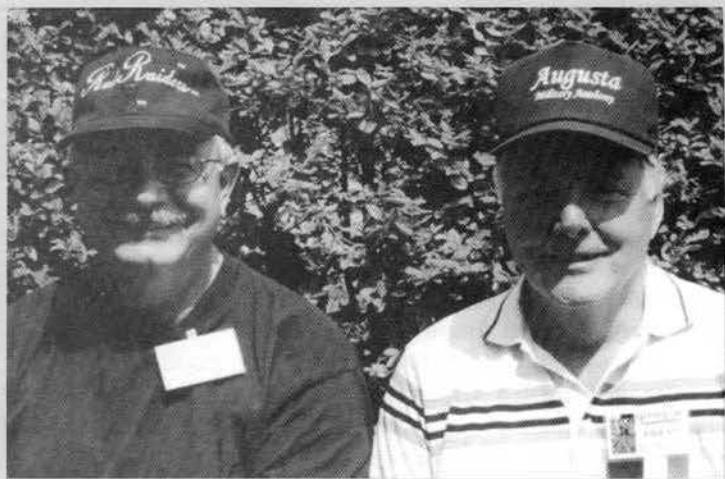
FRANK AGAIN? Yes, this time with Jim Crawford, '61, former First Captain. Photo from Crawford



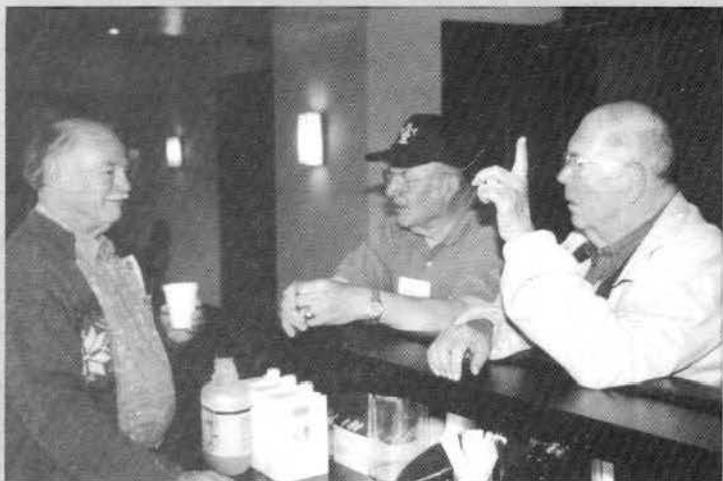
THE NEXT STOP - Don Elston, '44, checks the reunion schedule.



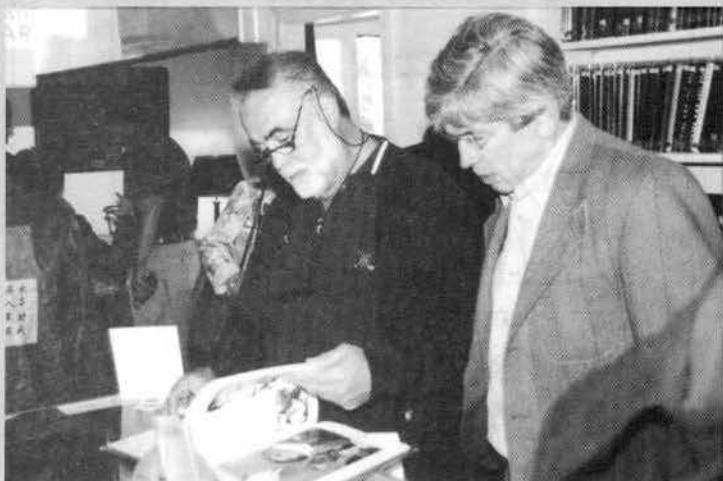
SOUPIE! - The bugler, Phil Myers, '71, calls reunion attendees to lunch in the gym.



ON THE FRIDAY TRIP - B.J. d'Orsay, '70, and Goodloe Saunders, '57.



SET 'EM UP! - Tommy Simmons, '53, AMA's master bartender, in a serious discussion with Frank Spencer, '49, and Tommy Mitchell, '52. In spite of the appearance, Tommy is NOT ordering a beer.



CHECKING THE RECALL - Mike Basto, '63, and Ken Eichner, '64, examine their yearbook in the AMA Museum. At the left is the back of the World War II flying jacket worn by Tom Roller, '36. The Chinese flag and characters said that any airman wearing this was to be treated as a friend if he were shot down over China.



THE COLORS! - The Randolph Macon Military Academy Color Guard leaves the AMA Gym after having presented The Colors at the Saturday luncheon. Photo by Bill Rand, '48



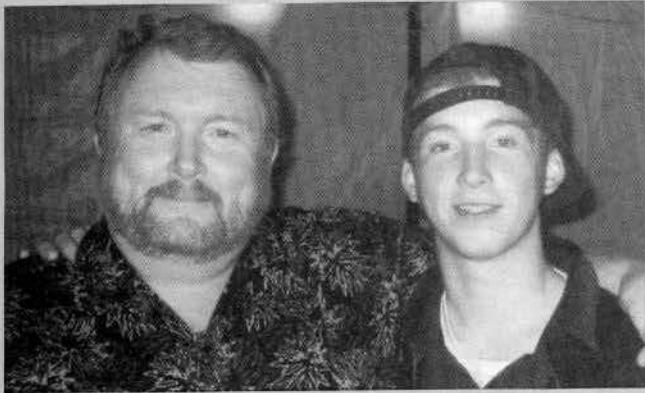
THREE GOT IT RIGHT - Four from the Class of '53: Sam Martin, Phil Thomas, Manuel Balbis and Terry Duval.

Photo by Al Wattay, '53



SHAKOS - Four students from Stuart Middle School visit the AMA Alumni House and try on some AMA shakos.

Photo by Rod Willey, '51



Garry Granger, '71, and his son, Matt, left. Right, Gary Nicholson, '70, gets help from Stephanie Clifton in decorating. Photos by C. Ferro, '53.



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Top, left, two company commanders from 1950: Bill Hill of C Company and Dick Young of B Company. In the background, the Academic Building. Left, center, some serious talk in the Hospitality Tent. L. to r., Rod Willey, '51, Frank Spencer, '49, Garry Granger, '71, and Gordon Metz, '68.

Bottom, left, early morning coffee enjoyed by B.J. d'Orsay, '70, and Colonel Will Parkins, '35. Top, right, The 105mm howitzer with its camouflage paint squats in front of the AMA Museum. Below, right, the Volunteer of the Year and his equally committed wife, Ben Zinkhan, '60, and his wife, Joyce.



Never to be forgotten experiences will be yours on the 2003 AMA trip to the European Battlefields of World War II

🐰 Raise the flag at the American Cemetery at Normandy, a heart-grabbing experience with more than 9,000 American boys sleeping nearby

🐰 Visit Pointe du Hoc where Rangers scaled the cliffs under intense fire

🐰 Walk on Omaha and Utah Beaches where brave men fought and died

🐰 See the somber German Cemetery at Le Cambe

🐰 Visit Pegasus Bridge where British glider troops landed just yards from their objective, and meet Madame Arlette Gondree who, as a child, had the joy of having her home be the first to be liberated

🐰 Enjoy a dinner cruise on the Seine and a free day in Paris

🐰 Visit the room where Germany surrendered, ending the war in Europe

🐰 Walk the streets of Bastogne, the key to the Battle of the Bulge, with lunch in the General McAuliffe Square

🐰 Visit the Malmedy Massacre site where SS groups murdered unarmed GIs in cold blood

🐰 Visit General Patton's grave in Luxembourg with the generals' granddaughter.

🐰 See the Bridge at Remagen where US troops crossed the Rhine into Germany

🐰 A cruise on the Rhine with time for shopping

🐰 Visit Hitler's Eagle's Nest and the Hitler Documentation Center at Berchtesgaden

World War II trip will benefit association

For each person who goes on the 2003 trip to the battlefields of World War II, the AMA Alumni Association will receive a \$250 rebate from Historic Tours, the managers of the spectacular trip to Europe next autumn.

For the tour to be "a go," at least 24 people will need to sign up. That would mean \$6,000 for the AMA Alumni Association!

We hope to have at least 40 people on the tour and that would mean a \$10,000 donation to the alumni association!

You do NOT have to be an alumnus of AMA to go on this fantastic trip. If you have friends or family members who might want to go, please tell them all about the trip.

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🐰 Wreath layings at the graves of AMA alumni buried in France and Belgium

🐰 Time for golf or for seeing the fantastic Bayeaux Tapestry. Free time in Paris or a tour of WW II sites in the city.

Omaha Beach,
Normandy, France

June 2003

Dear AMA friends,

We would like to assure all the alumni and friends of AMA that despite all the negative comments in American media about France and other European nations, our tour members will receive a very warm welcome in September. All over Normandy, the American flag flies daily as it does in many other parts of France. The French people are united in their gratitude to all Americans for their efforts in two world wars.

We attended American Memorial Day ceremonies at the Normandy American Cemetery where hundreds of French people participated in the annual events despite it being Mother's Day in France with many people having to leave family gatherings to attend the ceremonies. French troops stood at attention as a French military band played the national anthems of both nations. Hundreds of French people placed wreaths on the graves of our war dead. This scene was repeated in all of the American WWI and WWII cemeteries across France. This is just one example of the ongoing gratitude, which the French people feel toward America, in spite of the differences over the Iraq War. Few Americans realize that in the War on Terrorism, a quarter of all French armed forces served in Afghanistan and French fighter pilots were selected by the USA to fly close-support missions for our Special Forces. Little of this is reported in the American media.

Plan for a warm welcome from the mayor and people of the town of St. Marie-du-mont (Utah Beach) as well as in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Europe is peaceful, safe and the gratitude of the Europeans has not diminished.

As you may know if you have visited our website: www.ww2tours.com that during the tour season, we live adjacent to the Omaha Beach Golf Club. We have invited all of our AMA tour members to our home for drinks and snacks on your first day in Normandy.

We do hope you will join us as we honor our veterans and enjoy the history and beauty of Europe.

Cristy and Ray Pfeiffer

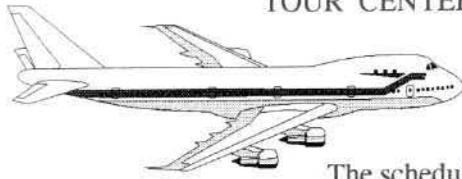
Cristy and Ray Pfeiffer
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All over Normandy, the American flag flies! The photo, left, is the entrance to the ancient city of Bayeux where the AMA tour will be staying. Even though the town was liberated by the British, Old Glory flies daily and the General Eisenhower Circle, left, welcomes all who visit the town.

Air travel for the World War II battlefield tour

TOUR CENTER has arranged some great prices and a good schedule for people going on the September-October AMA tour of the World War II Battlefields of Europe.



The point of departure is **DULLES AIRPORT (Washington, DC)** on Air France.

The schedule: Depart Dulles Wednesday 24 September at 5:10 PM on AF 39 non-stop to **PARIS**. Arrive at Charles DeGaulle, Paris, at 6:30 AM Thursday 25 September.

Those returning on Monday 6 October *at the end of the regular tour* will fly out of **FRANKFURT, Germany** at 1:50 PM on AF 1619, arriving in **PARIS** at 3:10 PM connecting to AF 26 departing **PARIS** at 4:40 PM non-stop to **DULLES** arriving at 7:00 PM the same day.

Those who go on *the extension tour* to Bavaria (Berchtesgaden, Austria, Munich) would depart **MUNICH, Germany** on Friday 10 October on AF 1523 at 10:15, arriving in **PARIS** at 11:55 AM, connecting to AF 26 departing **PARIS** at 4:40 PM, arriving at **DULLES** at 7:00 PM the same day.

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We will see where AMA boys fought and died, and where some of them lay in heros' graves. AMA WW II vets will raise the flag over the American Military Cemetery at Normandy. We will see a monument there to the highest ranking AMA alumnus to die on D-Day. We'll visit the graves of four AMA men who died in the Battle of the Bulge. Even if you have been on a trip like this before, you will see, learn and experience more than you can ever imagine!

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Captain Stout, Class of 1893, paid tribute to AMA's founder, Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr.

Captain Henry Stout graduated from Augusta Military Academy in 1893, then came back to teach on several different occasions ending with the 1929-30 school session. He served as principal of both Waynesboro and Monterey High Schools, and at AMA, headed the Latin Department and was faculty advisor to *The Bayonet*. Stout had been a student of Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr., AMA's founder, and he followed in the Professor's footsteps by attending the University of Virginia in pursuit of classical culture.

In the early years of the 20th Century through the early '40's, *The Bayonet* was more a literary periodical than a newsletter. It did contain news about sporting events and a modicum of alumni news, but most of its pages were filled with poems and jokes, some of them with racial language that would cause the politically correct of the 21th Century to wince.



Captain Henry Stout,
1930 *Recall*

Stout, a great uncle to Dick Clay Stout, '45; Ernest Click, '48; Ed Click, '50; and Rod Willey, '51, not only advised *The Bayonet*, he contributed to it. Poetry with a touch of the Victorian speech pattern and a reflection of his classical studies. Some delightful parodies and other thoughtful pieces; a 1930 *Bayonet* featured a Stout poem in tribute to Mother's Day. With the First World War over for just a dozen years, some of Stout's poetry honored AMA alumni who died in that conflict, and one piece was a tribute to Professor Roller who had died in 1907. When Stout left AMA in 1930, **Colonel Tom Roller** sent him a letter which said, in part: "I think that I can say without contradiction that, of all the boys who sat at my father's feet, you seem to have loved him the best and to have revered his memory more deeply and more lovingly." Below is Stout's tribute to Professor Roller which first appeared in the 8 May 1930 *Bayonet*.

The Lengthened Shadow

Fair I see thee, Alma Mater
With the Old Fort's walls nearby
See thy stately gray-wrought towers
Bathed in blue of sapphire sky,
See thy verdant lawns aglow with
Fragrant flowers in radiant bloom,
Incense lending halls safe guiding
"To the Stars Through Bars of Gloom."

But in reverie, I see thee
In yon Olden Stone Church grove,
There, a modest little schoolhouse
But a school where honor thrrove,
Where thy builder led his scholars,
Living words of Golden Rule,
Where his heartborn smile crowned study,
But where dunce-cap ne'er crowned fool.

From thy portals, on life's highway,
I have found both joy and rue,
Meeting folks of varied values
As a traveler's won't to do;
But, of all that I have met with,
None I've found more free from dross
Than that gentleman, headmaster,
Whom, with love, we called "Old Boss."

Truth he held as fairest jewel
In the crown of manly worth,
Youth he loved with an affection
Born above the plains of earth;

In parentis loco, never
Proved he false to parent's son,
Holding high the torch of honor
O'er the course a man should run.

Come, but soft! for now he sleepeth
Near where first he taught to youth
That response to call of duty
Is to heed the voice of Truth.
Yes, his ashes rest full peaceful,
But his spirit, freed from earth,
Lives in realms of knighted honor
And of knighthood's honored worth!

Gone the primal little schoolhouse,
Stilled its noonday hour of play,
Past the master's cheering greeting –
Borne on wings of time away:
But, wouldst see how well he builded?
Wouldst behold his visioned plan?
Look upon those youth-thronged barracks –
Lengthened shadow of the man!

Though thy walls have greater compass
Than in days when he was nigh.
Though thy corps has doubled, trebled,
Though thy plaudits reach the sky,
None hast thou to duty truer
None more free from worthless dross
Than that gentleman, headmaster,
Whom, with love, we called "Old Boss!"

In his tribute to Professor Roller, Stout speaks of the "modest little schoolhouse," a reference to the building near the Stone Church where Roller first began to teach in 1865, just four months after the Civil War. He lauds the Professor's vision which was manifested in the "youth-thronged barracks," a building, built in 1917, that Roller, who died in 1907, never saw.

Twice, Stout speaks of "dross," a word meaning rubbish or waste matter, an archaic term used today only by poets, but often found in the writings of the early 20th and late 19th Centuries, particularly in Protestant hymns.

The Professor was called "Old Boss" by his faculty and his students. Year later, Janet Roller, the wife of **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.**, would be called "Boss" by the General.

As the poem says, Professor Roller is buried "near where he first taught", the focal point of each year's Founder's Day.



Frank Spencer, '49, reports on VMI Scholarship Funds

This past year, the AMA Alumni Foundation continued its support of its Virginia Military Institute Scholarship Fund which was created as a memorial to General Charles S. Roller, Jr., a 1901 graduate of the VMI.

Frank Spencer, '49, himself a VMI grad, is the liaison between VMI and AMA. In the spring, he attended an Appreciation Luncheon in Lexington for entities which provide scholarship support to VMI.

"Because our annual reunions have conflicted with VMI's exams and commencement exercises, the VMI cadets we support have not been able to join us each May," Spencer said, *"but next year, with the AMA Reunion moved back to the last week in April, they will be able to come and tell us of their experiences at VMI."*

The two cadets who are currently supported by AMA are Katherine Powell, '06, from South Carolina and Carrie Lynn Burton, '06, from Ohio.



FORMER FIRST CAPTAIN Jim Crawford, '61, at the reunion with classmate Cam Lewis. Photo by Jim Crawford

Rick Smail, '67, Delta crew, honor military



The date was 18 February 2003. The passengers were US military personnel. The destination was Kuwait. That day, Rick Smail, '67, pilot of Delta Special Flight #9844, and his Delta crew welcomed the servicepeople on board with an American flag at each seat, and a giant poster, festooned with ribbons, below.



Visit the
room where
the Germans
surrendered

It's on the
AMA Europe
adventure!

See center pullout

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These lovely people have made contributions to the AMA Alumni Association and/or the AMA Alumni Foundation in 2003. We thank them and salute them! Without the help of our friends, you would not be reading The Bayonet, our Museum would close and we would have no scholarships to offer. Look into your heart, decide what AMA means to you, and please let us hear from you soon.

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An editorial

The AMA Alumni Association

The Augusta Military Academy Alumni **Association** plans and executes the annual reunions, operates the PX, sponsors the annual alumni picnic and supports other "for profit" ventures.

Reunion registration fees, PX purchases and the like are **NOT** tax deductible.

The AMA Alumni Foundation

The Augusta Military Academy Alumni **Foundation** supports the AMA Legacy Scholarship Fund, the VMI Scholarship Fund, the AMA Museum, the maintenance of the alumni mailing list, and publishes and distributes *The Bayonet*.

Gifts to the AMA Foundation **ARE** tax deductible.

That is the reason that the AMA Foundation was created: to provide an opportunity for friends of Augusta to support our activities and be entitled to a deduction on federal and state* income taxes.

When the alumni association earns money on one of its projects, it may, if its officers and board so decide, transfer some or all of those funds to the *foundation*.

However, once money is in a *foundation* account, it can be used only for those purposes which would entitle a donor to a tax deduction (scholarships, the museum, *The Bayonet*).

The foundation can **NOT** transfer money to the association.

* Check with your financial advisor to determine your state's tax rules

On the opposite page is a list of those who have made contributions to your AMA Alumni Association or AMA Alumni Foundation so far in 2003.

The year is nearly half over, yet there are but 106 names on our list of donors. That is barely **4 per cent** of the names on our mailing list.

This means that 96% of our alumni and friends have yet to contribute in 2003.

The economy is not what we would like for it to be and we know that there are many obligations that must be met by every family.

*At the same time, we continue to hear how beautiful our AMA Museum is, how proud we are to give our AMA and VMI scholarships, and how much people enjoy reading *The Bayonet*.*

*Each of these enterprises is in jeopardy when funding is not coming in. Because of the generosity of **Mickey Gordon, '39**, our scholarship program is in the positive column though we hope to attract more planned gifts to provide an even stronger underpinning for this important activity.*

*But the unselfish gift from Mickey can **ONLY** be used for scholarships. Not a penny of Mickey's bequest can be used to pay the light bill or buy paint or print *The Bayonet* or pay the rent.*

Tepid economy or no, our bills come in on an irritatingly regular basis, just as they do at your home.

The next time you are writing checks to pay your bills, how about writing a check to help us pay our bills?

*If everyone would send a check, we could look forward to brighter days. But we know that everyone will not send a check, which puts more pressure on **YOU!***

Maybe you can't contribute what you'd like to at this time. But we all can give something.

Think what it would mean if each of the 96% who have yet to give sent in just \$10! Or \$20! Or \$50!

What does Augusta Military Academy mean to you? Did it change your life for the good? Did it literally save you from going down the wrong road? Did the education you got at Augusta better prepare you for life? Are some of your best friends people you met because of AMA?

What is all that worth to you?

*Difficult as it is to put a price tag on such wonderful gifts, there is a way to thank AMA for what it did in your life. By keeping *The Bayonet* coming – by keeping the AMA Alumni House/Museum growing – by increasing the amount we can give in scholarships – each is a way to say "thank you" to a friend in need. Please – write a check now. Thank you!*



Please report deaths and illnesses of AMA alumni, faculty and friends to The AMA Chaplain
Reverend Jim Lupton, '50
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Winston "Ned" Somerville, '36
 11 May 2003, at Mary Washington Hospital, Culpeper, 87. University of Virginia, wrestling team. US Army Medical Corps in World War II. Farmer, employee of Rochester Ropes and at Virginia Department of Transportation for 25 years. Survived by five daughters, Martha Somerville of Lake of the Woods; Lori Edwards of Chesapeake; Elizabeth Hutchins and Sharon Adams, both of Culpeper; and Dr. Sarah Somerville of Fredericksburg. At AMA, *Ad Astra per Aspera*; football, baseball, track and wrestling. Roommate of Tom Roller, '36.



Ned Somerville,
1936 Recall

Nathan Parkins Crawford, '37
 31 January 2003, 84, at home, in Fort Defiance. A graduate of the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia, he had service in World War II as a carrier based pilot in the US Navy. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, (see story on opposite page) had service in the Korean War, and retired from the

Naval Reserve as a lieutenant commander. Survived by his wife, Claire Richardson Crawford of Fort Defiance; two sons, **Charles Crawford, '65**, of Manassas and Dr. John Crawford of Akron, OH; and a brother, **William B. Crawford, '35**, Fort Defiance, who ran the AMA PX for years.



Nate Crawford,
1937 Recall

Samuel J. Caprette, Jr., '43
 28 August 2001, at home, in Chagrin Falls, OH.

Claiborne Willcox, Jr., '61
 24 March 2003, at home, in Stewarts-ville, VA. Served in the US Navy Reserve in the Vietnam War and was Commo Chief for four years with the Virginia Defense Force, 1st Battalion, 4th Brigade. Old Dominion University.

Financial Development Specialist with the American Red Cross, Senior Counsel with American City Bureau; and Director of Development at Roanoke Catholic School. The Founding President of National Association of Fundraising Executives. Kiwanis, Odd Fellows Lodge, and People's Warden at the Covenant Reformed Episcopal Church. Awarded the United States Medal for Civilian Service in Vietnam by General Creighton Adams.

Survived by his wife, Anne Elizabeth (Betsy) Schwab Willcox; a daughter, Julie Almond of Richmond; and a son, Charles Willcox of Fairfax. His brother, **Thomas Wyatt Willcox, '57**, pre-deceased him.

At AMA, Captain of Band Company; swim team; Cotillion Club; Final Ball Committee; Honor Committee; *Ad Astra per Aspera*. Member of the Board of Trustees of AMA.



Clay Willcox,
1961 Recall

Joseph Thomas Crumpler, '62
 9 February 2003, at home, in Thomasville, NC, age 60. Mars Hill and Guilford Colleges. Owner of Crumpler's Antiques in Greensboro and Thomasville. Survived by his mother, Elynor Crumpler Parham of Greensboro; and a brother, Mark, of Blowing Rock, NC.



Joe Crumpler,
1961 Recall

CORRECTION - 1969

In the last issue, we published the obituary of **Major Herbert Kilne, '69**, who passed away in Norfolk on 24 January 2003 after a stroke. **Pete Orndorff, '69**, was kind enough to inform us that we had used a photo of **Ed Leach** instead of Major Kline in the story.

We apologize for the error and correct it herewith.

Thomas Gary McGinness, '73

5 April 2002, at home, in Toms River, NJ, age 47, after a very long illness. Ocean County Road Department in Toms River. Survived by a son, Gary McGinness of Toms River; two daughters, Heather Rose and



Tom
McGinness,
1973 Recall

Kimberly Hope of Iselin, NJ; a step-daughter, Alexandra Marie of Toms River; a brother, Charles, of Westminster, CO; a sister, Diane Martinsen of Kenner, LA; and his mother, Rosemary McGinness of Kenner. At AMA, 2nd lieutenant, Band Company; Roller Rifles.

Colonel Richard Bomberger, Faculty
 2002. At AMA in 1947-48.

Colonel James V. Christy, PMS&T and Commandant, passes away in Florida

Lieutenant Colonel James Vincent Christy, 82, Professor of Military Science and Tactics at AMA 1954-57 who came back to be Commandant of Cadets 1965-69, passed away at his daughter's home in Brandon, Florida on 30 March.

Christy was a West Pointer who served in the 3rd Army in World War II and fought in the Battle of the Hurtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge where he earned a Bronze Star. He had service in Germany after the war, taught German at West Point, and came to AMA as PMS&T in 1954. In 1957, he became an advisor to the Vietnamese Military Academy in South Vietnam, served with the 101st Airborne, was a military advisor in Mali, and had his last assignment at The Pentagon. He retired in 1965 and came to AMA to teach. He served as Commandant 1966-69.

Christy received a masters in education from Madison College and taught math in Augusta County high schools for 13 years. He lived in Staunton 1965-87, then moved to Clearwater, FL where he was appointed Commander of the Military Order of the World Wars.

Colonel Christy is survived by his wife, Marjorie, of Brandon; a sister, Mary, of Michigan; a daughter, Carol Valaes of Florida; and two sons, **James**, '67, of California and John of Washington State.



Colonel James Christy

Etta Mollie Canevet, 79, AMA nurse for 25 years, dies after long illness

Etta Mary "Mollie" Canevet, the AMA Nurse from 1958 until the school closed in 1983, died 28 March 2003 at the Augusta County Medical Center in Fishersville. She was 79.

A native of Nova Scotia, she was a member of the Nurse Cadet Corps in World War II and received her RN from Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing in 1944. She also received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Eastern Mennonite College in 1969.

She started her nursing career working for the US Army in Europe. When she came back to the States, she became the school nurse at AMA in 1958. In 1981, Mollie was elected to *Ad Astra per Aspera*.

Two of her sons attended AMA: **John P. Canevet**, '63, who lives in Michigan, and **Roger Canevet**, '64, who lives in New Hope in Augusta County. After Augusta closed in 1983, she went to work at King's Daughters Hospital in Staunton until she retired in 1986.

Mollie was the widow of Pierre Canevet of Brest, France. In addition to her sons, she is survived by a daughter, Mona Canevet Quiros, of Cartago, Costa Rica; grandchildren Christal and Pamela, daughters of John; Annick and Danielle, children of Roger; and Winston, Gabriel, Daniel and Virginia, children of Mona.

Nate Crawford, '37, won Distinguished Flying Cross

Lieutenant Nathan Parkins Crawford, '37, won the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while attacking Japanese ships in Kobe harbor near the end of World War II. Crawford passed away 31 January 2003. (see TAPS on opposite page) Crawford, a Fort Defiance native, was pilot of a carrier-based dive bomber involved in an attack on a Japanese aircraft carrier. The citation accompanying the award says: "Flying through intense anti-aircraft fire, he pressed home his attack to within 1,800 feet before he released his

bombs. Before that, no hit on the carrier hull had been observed. After Crawford flew over, heavy fires and smoke were seen issuing from the hull."

Crawford entered the Naval Reserve in May of 1942 and retired as a lieutenant commander. He received his wings in Pensacola, and after graduation taught at the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville. In 1944, he became a member of Bomber Squadron Five and was based on the USS Franklin. At one point, the carrier was struck by a Japanese kamikaze while Crawford was airborne. He had to seek

sanctuary on another carrier. After graduating from Augusta, Crawford went to the University of Virginia where he graduated in 1942.

Anyone with triskaidekaphobia (fear of the number 13) would have wondered about Crawford's assignments. The Franklin was carrier number 13; Crawford was the 13th ranking officer in his unit; he first landed at Pearl Harbor on 13 February; he landed at Ulithi on 13 March. The day his carrier was hit, Crawford's plane was the 13th to leave the deck at 1300 hours.

He flew in plane number 13.

Deaths reported since Reunion 2002

Mollie Canevet, School Nurse *Othmer "Ott" Heilman, '43*
Colonel James Christy, Faculty *Harry C. Breitstein, '44*
Howard Lord Hanson, Faculty *James B. Hevener, '44*
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Hugh Bell Sproul, '22 *Herbert P. Tutwiler, '47*
Joseph K. Alexander, '28 *Richard A. Dutton, '47*
Benjamin Pitts Quillen, '28 *Henry "Pat" Patterson, '49*
Jack Woods, '30 *Fred Mather-Smith, '50*
Charles M. Hull, '33 *Don Odenwaelder, '51*
Henry C. Garbee, '35 *James A. Harris, '55*
William Houston Board, '37 *Albert "Bub" Joseph, Jr., '56*
Nathan P. Crawford, '37 *J. Michael Snell, '59*
Edward B. Furr, '39 *H. F. "Jackie" Jackson, '60*
Dr. John Henry Hopkins, '39 *Claiborne Willcox, '61*
Frank J. Morrison, '40 *Joseph T. Crumpler, '62*
Dr. John Baumgardner, '42 *Major Herbert Kline, '69*
Charles K. West, '43 *Lester Wade Lawter, '75*
Charles Moir Oakey, '43 *Ad Astra per Aspera*

From Russia with love

"To the Stars nonetheless": Paul Karch, '79

My four years at Augusta Military Academy (1975-79) are some of the luckiest in my "young" middle aged life. Memories are fresh, discipline is ingrained, and the understanding of the value of my existence are all products of my "tour" in big Barracks. Today, we think of a tour as an accompanied vacation, complete with instruction or direction to an unknown area. For most of us, Augusta was just that (complete with the marching of "Tours").

I fondly recall arriving in 1975 after an unsuccessful stint in a Northern Virginia high school. I was the unwilling participant in my parents' experiment – Fix our son! I had grown up in a privileged and lucky life, adopted at birth by two loving and caring parents. My father was a senior level US diplomat who relocated the family, including my adopted sister, to the Soviet Union in the midst of the Cold War.

In the USSR, we lived in six different cities, visited countless others, and viewed the US astronauts' landing on the moon on a black and white TV in a Leningrad hotel. After the astronauts returned, one of the moon rocks was entrusted to my father's organization for display. During the months that followed, when the display closed each day, this nine-year-old was responsible for carrying the encased moon rock, complete with guards, to a safe-off premise site.

True to form of my parents' vision, I was educated in Soviet schools as my father believed in learning the language and understanding a nation's culture from the native's point of view. Imagine then coming back to the United States after these interesting and trying times. Searching for my identity among American school students, I was lost. We went back overseas to Slovakia, Yugoslavia and finally Bulgaria. I felt at home in this world of diplomacy, privileged and somehow special.

Returning to the US once more, I was enrolled in a public high school, complete with all of the entrapments that the mid-seventies provided. I remember as if it were yesterday being awakened one morning and told that I was to pack for an extended stay at a boarding school. Two days later, we left for Augusta. With hair to my shoulders, a miserable academic record and absolutely no direction, I drove onto the AMA campus with my parents.

First things first – the hair had to go, and it went. Next, assignment to a room and, what? A roommate? The uniform, going to sleep at a certain hour, Reveille at a certain hour. Wow, was it cold for those morning formations in November. Memories of limited "tasty" food, walking down the stoop to

the sinks for a shower, hair freezing on the way back to my room. Rank? A private. Study hall, formations, bed making, tie tying, shoe shining, parade marching, the rifle range and **Colonel Hoover**.

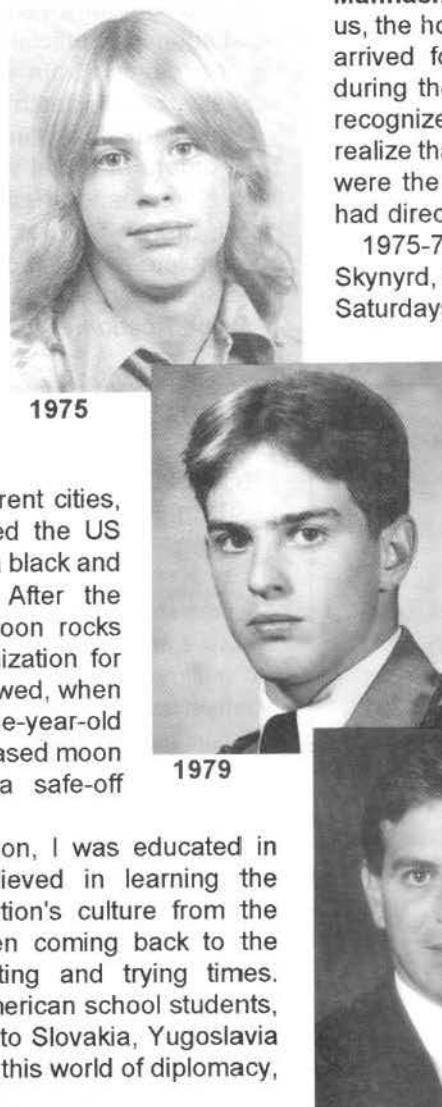
What else could an aspiring young hooligan desire? Direction? AMA gave direction. They were judges, jury and sometimes executioners – **Livick, Savedge, Studer, Mannasmith, Hoover** and all the others working to direct us, the hooligans. A month after school started, my parents arrived for a Sunday visit and walked directly past me during the service in the Old Stone Church! They did not recognize me, and neither did I. In a month, I had begun to realize that commitment, performance, loyalty and discipline were the keys to success at Augusta. For the first time, I had direction.

1975-79 were great years. Music: AC/DC, Boston, Lynyrd Skynyrd, ZZ Top and the rest, blaring out of our rooms on Saturdays in the Spring. Beer runs and the back field; we thought we were clever. In reality, we were growing. As we became inventive and creative, we learned the ropes of life and an understanding of rules, ramifications and accountability.

Did I say tours? Where else could someone play multiple sports in a season? As an accomplished soccer player, I played that sport, kicked briefly on the football team, fenced, played baseball and did whatever else was available. Augusta created the need to be involved, and that commitment sticks with me to this day. Honor Roll, Roller Rifles, cotillions, town leave, marksmanship, PFC, corporal and lieutenant, squads, platoons, companies and the battalion.

As I age, I become more appreciative of the lessons and experiences of life and the fortunes that have been afforded me. How fortunate to have a family when none existed, to have a school where the commitment to the students was paramount, and where there are thousands of unspoken thanks.

Thank you, AMA, for this Tour! Augusta will always live in my mind. To the stars with difficulty.. maybe, but to the stars nonetheless!



Paul Karch today

Paul Karch lives in Deerfield Beach, Florida with his wife, Susan, and one-year-old Paul, Jr. He has three children by a previous marriage. Paul is National Director of Business Development for a \$5 billion Homeland Security and Information Technology firm. E-mail: pk12345@yahoo.com

Korean War vets entitled to Korean government medals

South Korea has announced it will provide a Republic of Korea War Service Medal to eligible US veterans of that conflict, or to their next of kin. The medal is provided at no cost to veterans.

The Korean War began on 25 June 1950 when North Korean Communist forces invaded the Republic of Korea. An armistice on 27 July 1953 ended the fighting, although a formal peace treaty never has been signed. The medal is offered to US military personnel who served in Korea and adjacent waters between those dates.

Service must have been performed while on either permanent assignment to Korea, or while on temporary duty in Korea for at least 30 consecutive days, or 60 non-consecutive days. Air crews involved in aerial flight over Korea between the dates are also eligible.

If the veteran is deceased, his or her primary next of kin (PNOK) may apply for the medal.

The veteran or the PNOK must submit legible copies of one of these documents:

a) 50's era DD Form 214, Certificate of Release/Discharge

from Active Duty. This would be the form which was issued for service in the Korean War showing the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal. If DD Form 214/215 shows only Korean Service Medal with Bronze Stars, that is acceptable; or

b) DD Form 215, Correction to Certificate of Release/Discharge from active duty, showing the Korean Service Medal and United Nations Service Medal; or

c) NGB Form 22, Release from Duty.

In addition, for a veteran killed in action (KIA), the PNOK must submit an official military or civilian document reflecting the death of the veteran (death certificate, report of casualty, official death notification telegram/letter, etc.)

Other items that can help establish eligibility include any TDY orders or travel vouchers, assignment orders to and from Korea, and/or citations for decorations, i.e., Purple Heart, Bronze Star, etc., earned in Korea.

Complete and mail **one** of the forms below.

We sincerely thank AMA friend Dave Moore, Randolph-Macon Academy, '53, for bringing this to our attention.

VETERAN REQUEST FORM

HQ AFPC/DPPPK
550 C Street, Suite 12
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4714

I served in the country of Korea, its territorial waters, or in its airspace during the period 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1953 and have enclosed a **copy** of a source document, with my Social Security/Military Service Number, which proves my service in Korea. I understand that the enclosed copy of my source document will **not** be returned, and since this is a Foreign Service award, the KWSM will be issued only once.

Please mail my Korean War Service Medal to:

Print First Name, Middle Initial & Last Name

Print Address and Street Name

Print City, State and Zip Code

Legibly Print Service Number

Print Branch of Service When In Korea

Veteran Must Sign Here & Date

PRIMARY NEXT-OF-KIN (PNOK) REQUEST

HQ AFPC/DPPPK
550 C Street, Suite 12
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4714

As the spouse (father, mother, brother, sister, eldest son, eldest daughter) and primary next-of-kin, I request a Korean War Service Medal for my deceased/incapacitated husband's (father's/mother's or brother's/sisters) military service. He/she served in the country of Korea, its territorial waters, or its airspace during the period 25 June 1950 to 27 July 1953. I enclose a **copy** of a source document with his/her Social Security/Military Service Number, which proves his/her service. I understand that this is a Foreign Service award, and will be issued only once.

Please mail the Korean War Service Medal to:

Print First Name, Middle Initial & Last Name & Relationship to Veteran (Widow, Son, Sister, etc.)

Print Address & Street Name

Print City, State and Zip Code

Legibly Print Veteran's Service Number

Print Branch of Service When in Korea

Primary Next-of-Kin Must Sign & Date Here

Provide Telephone Number With Area Code

SPOTLIGHT on JOE VOLPE, '48

Joe Volpe, '48, came to Augusta from Haddon Heights, NJ. He came primarily to play football, but he made an impression far beyond his excellence on the athletic field.

Having said this, Joe was a star member of the great 1947-48 AMA football team which won the National Prep Championship at the Orchid Bowl in Chattanooga, standing just five foot nine inches and weighing only 155 pounds. He also played varsity basketball and baseball. A cadet in Headquarters Company, Joe made the Honor Roll every time it came out during his time at Augusta.

Faculty members and his fellow cadets saw much more in the handsome, dark eyed Volpe.

Joe was born in Philadelphia where his father was an Italian pasta salesman. Athletics did dominate Joe's youth. He lettered in football, basketball and baseball at Haddon Heights High School and did the same when he came to Fort Defiance. He played football so well that eleven colleges tried to convince him to play for them.

He chose Drexel in Philadelphia where he attended until he received an appointment to West Point in 1949.

At the Military Academy, Joe exploited his fierce competitiveness and illustrated the spirit that would make others take note of him all through his life. He made the first string defensive backfield at West Point in 1950, 1951 and 1952.

When he was commissioned, he attended infantry, airborne and ranger training and was assigned as Division Sports Officer at Fort Campbell. There were no distance runners on the team, so as the track coach, Joe ran the mile, three mile and one-leg in the relay, never losing a 3rd Army competition.

As a rifle company commander in Japan, Volpe played halfback for the football team and ran the 800, 1,500 and 5,000 meter track events. He finished third in the 500 and fifth in the 1,500 in the All Japan Track Meet.

In 1956, Joe was transferred to the Quartermaster Corps and was sent to Fort Lee. He continued to win fame as he won the 2nd Army Triathlon three times, setting a new 2nd Army record of more than 2,500 points in 1957.

At Fort Lee, Volpe was assigned to a petroleum unit which began a 25 year career in that field. The Army sent him to the University of Pittsburgh where he earned a master's degree in petroleum engineering. He also received a masters in management

from the Naval Post Graduate School.

At Fort Lee, Joe met Marcia Shepherd, a teacher in the Department of Defense dependent school and they were married a year later.

Joe was sent to Vietnam where he was named Executive and Operations Officer of the 64th Petroleum Battalion. Though he was not required to do so, he rode with the petroleum tanker convoys to assure their safety and to provide leadership in case they were attacked.

After a tour in Vietnam, Volpe served as Special Assistant, Petroleum, to the Assistant DCSLOG and became solely responsible for resolving the many petroleum logistics problems in Nam. He planned and helped execute the Trans-Korea pipeline and became the first commander of what became the Petroleum Distribution System-Korea.

While in Korea, Joe devoted countless hours to several local orphanages. His contributions were so significant that an emissary from the Pope presented him with the *Pro Ecclesia et*

Pontifice for exceptionally meritorious service.

After Korea, Volpe was transferred to Hawaii as the Joint Petroleum Officer for PACOM. He returned to Fort Lee in 1977 as Director, Petroleum and Field Services. While there, he assisted the National Response Team in cleaning up a 350,000 gallon kerosene spill in Virginia.

Before he retired in 1983, Colonel Volpe had helped shape the Army's petroleum policy and doctrine which became the logistics lifeline for Desert Storm, and Volpe's strategy remains the policy today in a new time of peril. During his active duty service and after, he recruited many West Point graduates into the Quartermaster Corps.

The West Point



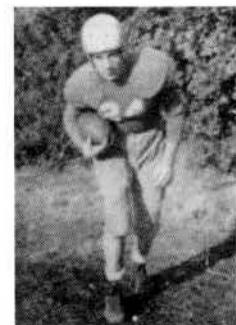
Joseph J. Volpe, 1948 Recall

AMA's football record, 1947-48

Washington and Lee	- 7	Augusta	6
Georgetown	- 13	Augusta	0
Virginia Tech (VPI)	13	Augusta	12
Augusta	67	Hargrave	0
Augusta	12	Fork Union	8
Augusta	12	Greenbrier	6
Augusta	25	Massanuttan	7
Augusta	13	West Virginia	0
Augusta	60	Fishburne	0

ORCHID BOWL

Augusta	27	McCallie School	13
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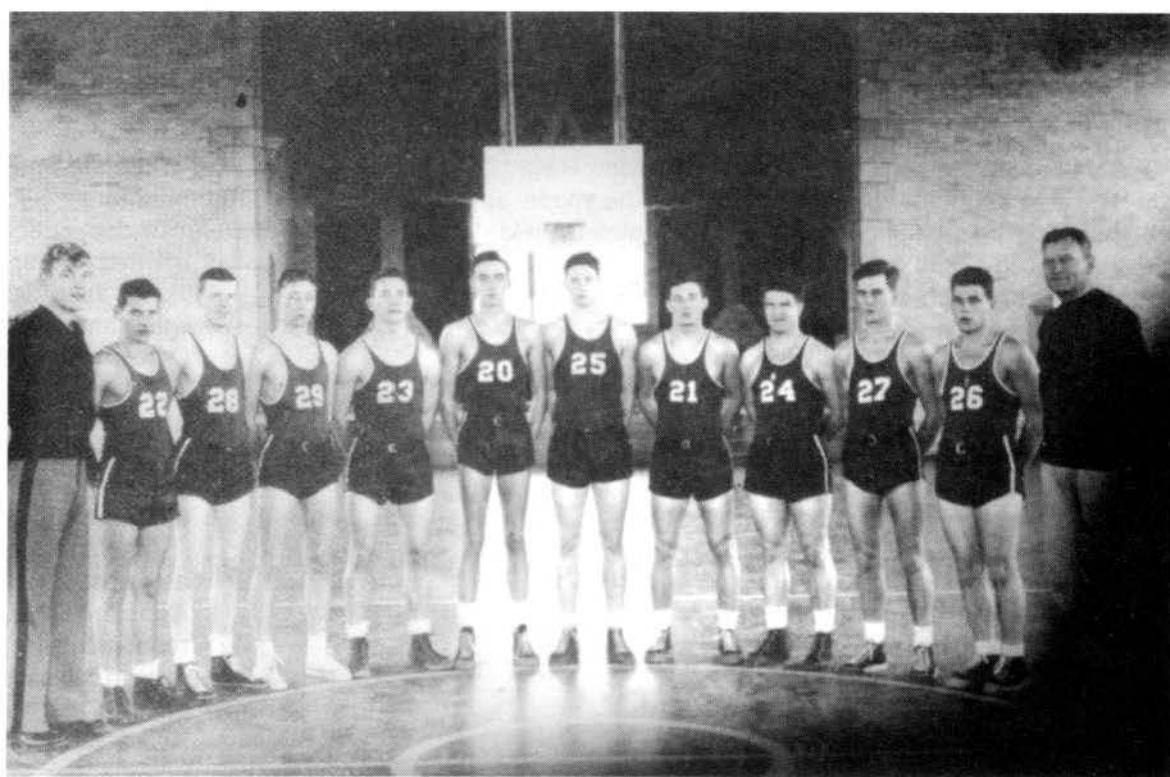
**Joe Volpe in his
AMA football
uniform, 1948**

alumni magazine said, "Many listened to Volpe's views about change and he encouraged their participation to develop policies that would impact their lives. Providing an environment where it was OK to speak out was perhaps Joe's greatest contribution to many young officers."

After he retired, Colonel Volpe established the Lee-Grant West Point Society in Virginia. He remained extremely active in the Army QM Foundation and raised money for the Army QM Museum. Joe became a senior executive with Wilbros Butler Engineering and was project manager for many Army petrol projects, including the implementation of the Inland Petroleum Distribution System in Desert Storm.

Joe was named a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment and in 1993 was inducted into the QM Hall of Fame. In 1998, the new 240th QM Headquarters Building at Fort Lee was named the Volpe Building in his honor.

On 4 October 1995, Joe passed away after a long battle with bone cancer. Says the West Point magazine, "In those final months as friends and family visited, you would not have known that he faced such a battle... His sense of humor and his mentoring of young soldiers continued until the very end. Joe's spirit lives on through his wife, Marcia; his children, Vanessa, Howard and Joey, and his grandchildren."



THE 1948 AUGUSTA BASKETBALL TEAM - Joe Volpe is second from the right standing next to Football/Basketball Coach George "Buck" Chapman. Other, l. to r., Alan Pearson, Dave Gliboff, Nelson Farley, Bob Englehart, John Hushebeck, Bill Sanders, Chuck Bones, Don Carmichael, Don Johns, Dick Belins, Volpe and Chapman.

Implementation of the Inland Petroleum Distribution System in Desert Storm.

Ed Chauncey family walks off with most clay shoot trophies

It was a good thing that they had enough trophies to go around. **Ed Chauncey**, '49, and his family members took three of the five prizes in the annual AMA Sporting Clay Shoot at the Flying Rabbit in Harrisonburg.

The weather threatened, but, says Event Organizer **Blaine Clarke**, '72, "the intrepid group of shooters persevered, had a great time, and a good shoot." Chauncey's grandson, Justin Miller, broke 42 of 50 targets to win the match. Chauncey and **Rick Ellett**, '72, tied at 37/50 and had to shoot a tiebreaker with Ellett winning second and Chauncey with third.

Fourth place was won by Clarke with 33/50, and Bill Miller, Chauncey's son in law came in fifth. Clarke said that "Ernie Martin, who owns and operates the range, provided a challenging collection of close and far targets, including his famous 'flying rabbit' for us to shoot at."

He thanked Ellett for providing the trophies for the winners.

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with his
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adventure!

See center section

Paul Bratton's son earns Bronze Star

Sergeant First Class Michael Bratton, the son of Ruby and **Paul Bratton**, '48, has been awarded the Bronze Star for "exceptionally meritorious achievement" in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan.

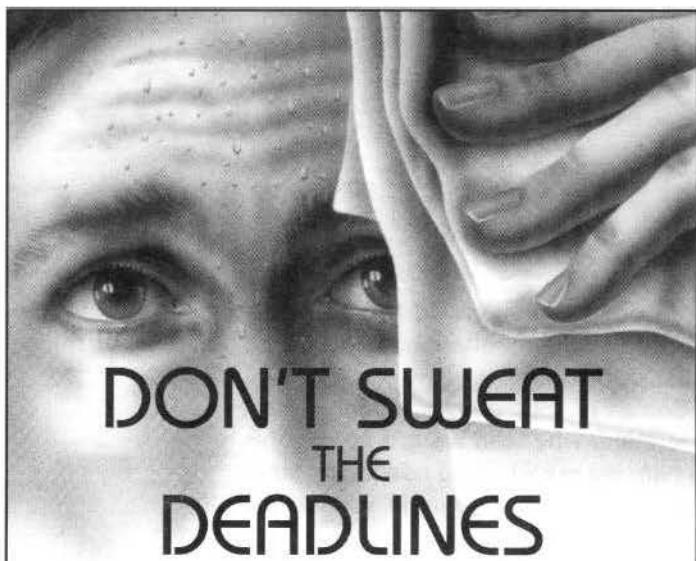
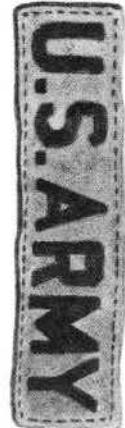
Bratton, Platoon Sergeant of the 65th Military Police Company (Airborne), led numerous detainee escorts and established the base defense at Mazar-E-Sharif Airfield. The certificate accompanying Bratton's Bronze Star says that "his performance of duty in a combat zone reflects great credit upon him, the Combined/Joint Task Force, and the United States Central Command."

The field report said that Bratton "formed a platoon in a very short time with a brand new 2nd lieutenant and deployed the platoon successfully to the combat zone." He was in Afghanistan and Uzbekistan from 17 December 2001 to 28 August 2002.

Sergeant Bratton subsequently was assigned to Fort Bragg and is now with a Military Police unit in Iraq charged with training a civilian police force.



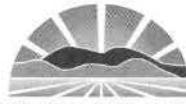
SFC Mike Bratton and his Dad, Paul, '48, at Fort Bragg.



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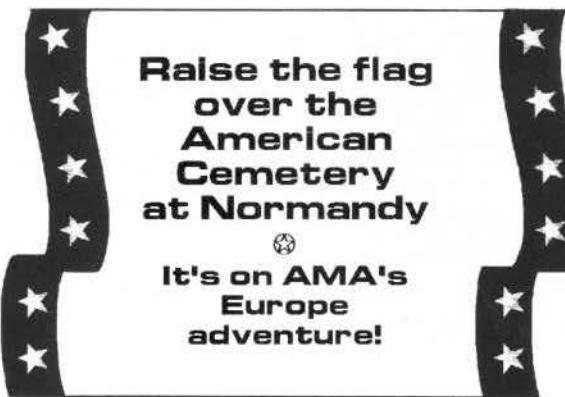
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**Raise the flag
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**It's on AMA's
Europe
adventure!**

AMA WORD GAME

Find the word held in common by the three words in each puzzle. The three solution words will form a fourth puzzle that has something to do with AMA. The numbers indicate each answer's length, and the + tells you its position. Got it?

Example: +flower, Wailing+, and Berlin+ is wall. (wallflower, Wailing Wall, Berlin Wall).

— + Bridge

Jack +
— + broil

Liberty +
— + bottom
— + captain

— + gun
Bird +
— + put

FINAL
ANSWER

⑥ _____ +

④ _____ +

④ _____ +

⑤ _____

Solution on page 63

"...unless the General Fund grows steadily in the next few months, The Bayonet will have to feel the effects of our economic illness too."

These are the words of Alumni Association President **Garry Granger**, '71, published in the President's letter earlier this year.

He was explaining how the aftermath of 9/11 and the sluggish economy have teamed to dry up contributions to the AMA Foundation and to the Association. Cuts are being made wherever we can, and there is just one big item left - the costs of publishing and distributing The Bayonet.

If you want to see The Bayonet continue as it has in the past, you need to step up to the plate and make a contribution to assure that we can continue to print and mail our newsletter.

Alumni and AMA friends are constantly telling us that The Bayonet is one of the most significant things that the Alumni Association and Foundation do. If you want to see The Bayonet keep coming to your mailbox, please make your check payable to: AMA Alumni Foundation. Mail to: P.O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100.

About those digital photos

We often get offers of digital pictures for use in The Bayonet, and we often have to reject photos we really would like to use.

Some of our photographers don't understand why, and we are hoping this will help lay out what we need in order to have good, sharp photos in your newsletter.

Most people who use digital cameras want to get as many pictures as possible on their disc. Therefore, they shoot with the minimal resolution, or dots per inch (dpi), and most save their photos in a format called .jpeg.

This combination virtually guarantees that the photo will **not** reproduce well in The Bayonet.

In order to get pictures that are sharp, clear and will look good in The Bayonet, the photos need to be taken at:

300 dpi, or higher, and should be saved as .tif files.

Most digital cameras will give you the option of saving your pictures in either the .jpeg or .tif format, and also will

give you the option of increasing the resolution to 300 dpi (from the 72 dpi which may be the default setting for your digital camera).

Of course, taking pictures at 300 dpi will mean that you will get far fewer pictures on your disc.

A **.tif file of 300 dpi, or more**, will generally look very good when printed on a Bayonet page.

If your camera will not permit you to shoot at 300 dpi, then take the picture in the highest resolution the camera will allow. Saving it as a .tif file guarantees that all the dots which make up the photo are saved, and will be reproduced when your picture gets to our printer.

Get the red out!

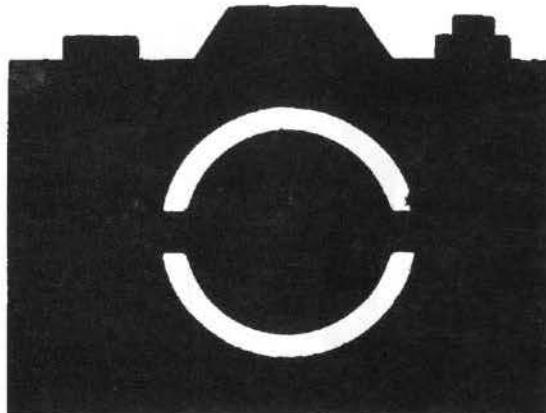
One other thing: photos, digital or conventional, which are overwhelmingly **red** do not reproduce well.

Red reproduces as black, and when our AMA Blue ink is added, you get very dark pictures where details in the picture are

lost entirely. Red faces end up as very dark faces.

We appreciate all the offers of photos. Pictures tell the story better than anything.

Alumni love to see other alumni in pictures, and we look forward to getting good photos from you in the future.



The next meeting of the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors will be at 10 AM on Saturday, 13 September at the Virginia War Memorial, 621 South Belvidere Street, Richmond, VA 23220



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Reunion 2003 recap + progress for Reunion 2004 planning + financial statement + committee reports + the Virginia War Memorial oral history project

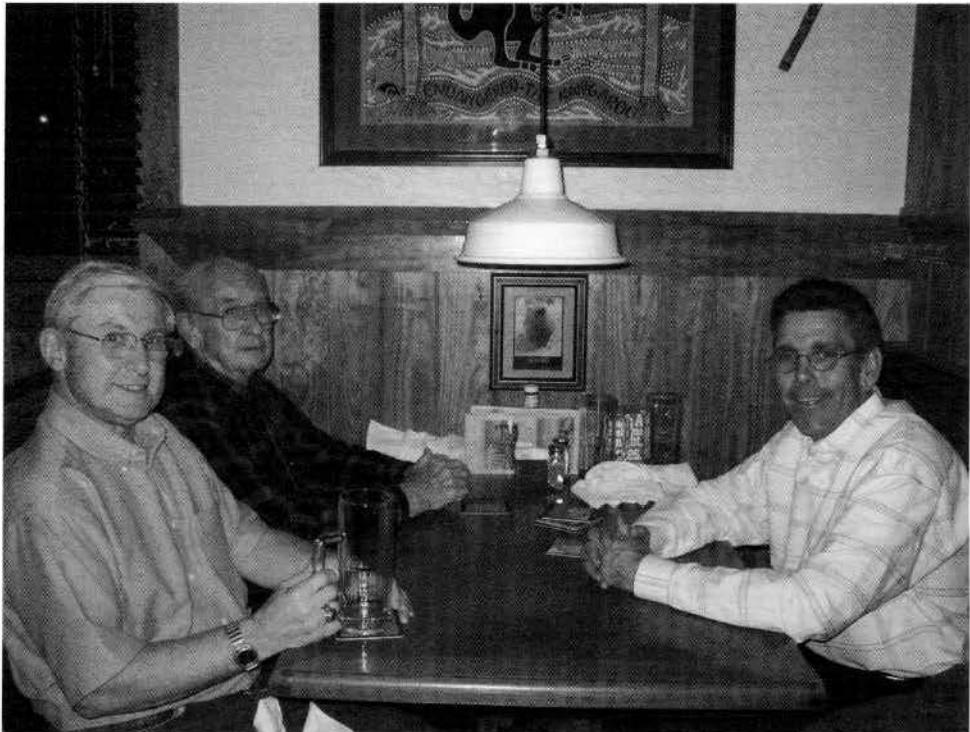
All AMA alumni are welcomed to attend and participate

Our money worries are far from over...

... in spite of the fact that we have received a generous gift from Mickey Gordon to fund our scholarships. This money **CANNOT** be used for The Bayonet or to pay for the expenses at the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

These two important functions are badly **UNDERfunded**, and unless we can find new money to help us through these times, The Bayonet and our museum are going to feel the effects of our belt tightening.

Can you help us? **WILL** you help us? **Can** you help us **NOW**? As we have said before, it isn't the size of the contribution that is most important. If you are reading this now, please send a check in any amount today. Thank you.



Alan Poole, '67, his father, Leo, and Ron "Scootch" Melcher, '71, are shown having dinner in Cleveland. Alan had come to town to help move his Dad to Minot, ND where he (Alan) lives. Poole was Melcher's company commander in his first year. In his senior year, Melcher was Battalion Commander.

OKTOBERFEST in Munich



Be in Munich in October of 2003
on the extension to the AMA trip
to World War II battlefields

See the pullout insert in the center



RECENT VISITORS



Carmen and Larry Markley, '63, all the way from Anchorage, Alaska.



Walter Holt, '44, his wife, daughter in law, and grandchildren



Sam Clegg, '60, and Linda



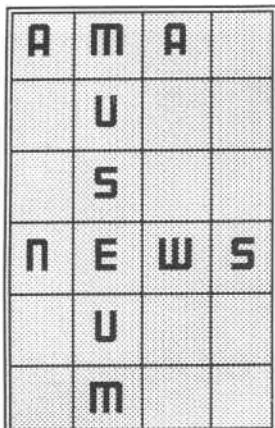
Jayne Powell and Hunter Trimble, children of Richard Trimble, '25.



Doug Lucas, faculty member '78-82, and his father.



Conley Funkhouser, summer school, '76, and his family



Livicks donate old AMA clock

The old AMA clock which is now displayed in the museum has been given to the AMA Alumni Foundation by Linda and Mal Livick.

We are extremely grateful to have this dependable chronicler of the passage of time in such a prominent place. The case and face of the clock are decorated with the names and initials of dozens of former cadets which makes it a collectible for that reason alone.

How many hours has this clock ticked off while AMA was operating? We may never know that, but we know it marked many hours while **General Roller** ran the school, and many more under **Colonel Livick's** leadership, first in the Guard Room, and then in the Mess Hall.



Roger Messick, '52, the Battalion Commander his senior year, recently sent the Museum a ring which **Colonel Roller** had given to him on graduation day... **Earl Cabaniss**, '43, sent quite a few AMA items to the Museum... **Mal and Linda Livick** have donated several boxes of pictures and documents plus a handsome Victorian chair which will go in the parlor. Thank you so much!



Which brings us back to our urgent need for volunteers at the Museum this summer. Many visitors are anticipated and your help is very much needed.



TIME OUT - Bob Gebeaux, '62, passes by the old AMA clock which hangs in the foyer of the AMA Alumni House/Museum, the gift of Mal and Linda Livick.

RECENT VISITORS

These are alumni who signed the guest book at the Alumni House/Museum recently

Alumni visitors other than at Reunion 2003

Mac Coiner 1962
 Arthur Hurme 1961
 Lowell Tackett 1961
 Paul Poluile 1973
 H.W. Harner, Jr. 1955
 Sam Clegg 1960
 Julian Quarles 1935
 Bob Walker 1975
 F. Wayne Duffy 1958
 Jeff Wine 1978
 Edward Kolz 1963
 Bobby Crozier 1970
 Fred Dove 1960
 Richard Elder 1957
 Larry Markley 1963
 John Walz 1966
 Walter Holt 1944
 Paul Brown 1959

Jack Steele 1961
 Bill Von Nessen
 Frank Gum 1965
 Willis Lovell 1955

Reunion 2003 Weekend
 May 1-3, 2003

Oswald Ferro 1953
 Wayne Vincent 1973
 Edward Longmire 1968
 Enrique E. Aguilera 1943
 Julius Boles 1983
 Wayne Vincent 1973
 Douglas Pennock 1972
 Phillip Casey 1963
 Lewis Mundin 1953
 Dean Lohman 1972
 Philip Bentley, Jr. 1983
 Benjamin Lindsor 1951
 Earl Cabaniss 1943
 Manuel Balbis 1953
 Phillip Wharton 1963
 H.T. Terry Duval 1953
 John Fox 1953
 Alexander Wattay 1953
 Thad White 1953
 Don Everitt 1963
 Phillip Thomas 1953
 Don Tucker 1963
 Richard Young 1950
 William Hill 1950
 Homer Anderson 1938
 Jackson Prentice 1968
 Mike Basto 1963
 Tom Forrer 1967
 Rick Ellett 1972
 J. Michael Farrell 1963
 Jim Simmons 1958
 Sam Clegg 1960
 Robert Gebeaux 1962
 Leonard Wilson 1943
 Steve Trent 1970
 BJ d'Orsay 1970
 Tyree Gleath III 1968

List prepared by Luke Snyder, '60, taken from the register at the AMA Alumni House/Museum in the order in which they signed in.

The Battle of the Bulge + The Bridge at Remagen

On the AMA Europe trip



Suddenly last Winter - Summer's here, but here a few memories from the winter of 2002-03. Top, left, Ben Zinkhan, '60, cleans off the Alumni House/Museum walk after a February snow; top, right, Liz Hash, who pretty much runs the Alumni House, celebrated her birthday in February. Party attendees include Sue Messerley of Mid Valley Press, the firm which prints *The Bayonet*; Joyce (Mrs. Ben, '60) Zinkhan; Lori Besjadon, Liz's friend; Laura, Liz's daughter; Liz at the end of the table; and Sue and Rod Willey, '51. That's Sergeant Don Studer propped up in the corner! Below, left, Joyce cleans the barracks room in the Museum; Below, right, our new 105 endures its first Fort Defiance snowstorm. Bottom, left, J Barracks, the Academic Building and the gymnasium form the backdrop for our new howitzer. Bottom, right, the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin begins its march back to Staunton from the AMA campus. All the women made it!



Will Parkins and Sergeant Caldwell

Will Parkins, '35, read the story about Buckner Creel, '40, in the Fall 2002 *Bayonet*. Creel said that AMA's Military Department Instructor **Sergeant John Caldwell** first prepared him for military service and then, to Creel's surprise, when he reported for active duty at Camp Lee during World War II, his company commander was none other than *Captain John Caldwell*. Caldwell had a reserve commission and had been restored to that rank when the war came.

Parkins says that Sergeant Caldwell had said, "Will, let me know when you get drafted." Will was drafted, sent to Roanoke for a physical and placed aboard a train bound for Petersburg, near Camp Lee (later Fort Lee), Virginia. Captain Caldwell was stationed there and Will looked him up. "I went to Caldwell's office where a brusque sergeant on duty asked me what I wanted," Will recalls. "I said, 'I came to see Captain Caldwell.' At that point, I heard Caldwell in the adjoining office say, 'Come on in, Will.' After a few words of greeting, he asked me if I wanted to be in the Corps of Engineers."

Off to the Engineer School

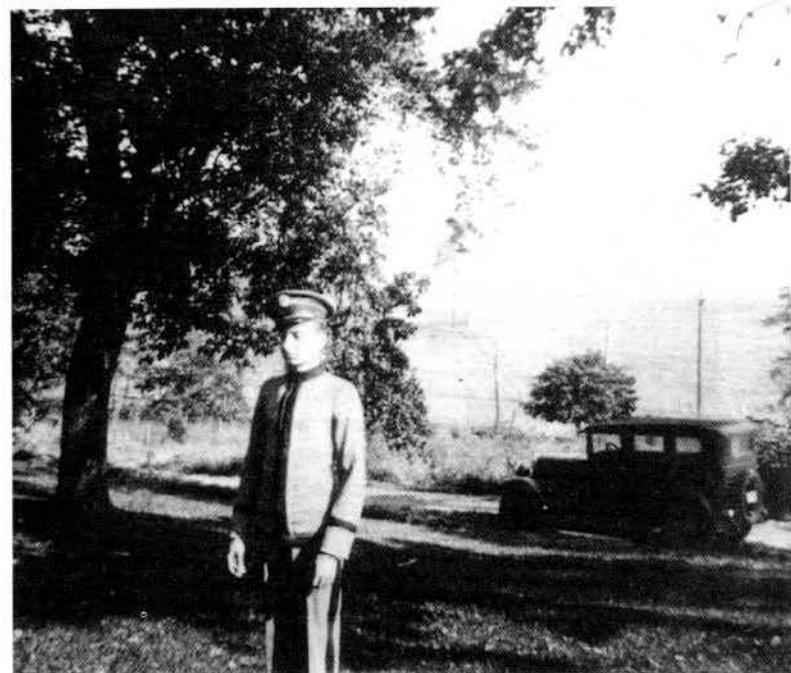
Will had two years at VPI (Virginia Tech) and had taken some engineering classes. The Engineering branch seemed the most logical place for him, so he told Caldwell that's where he'd like to serve. "Soon, I was on the way to Fort Belvoir which at that time was an engineering post," says Parkins. "There, an officer asked if I wanted to go to Map Reproduction school. My first question was, 'Where is the Map Reproduction School?', but the officer didn't know. Soon, I found myself on a bus on the way to the school... which was actually at the other end of Fort Belvoir! I never have understood why the officer who sent me there didn't know it was just a mile or so away."

Two story wooden barracks were built along the west side of Route One, and this is where Will was living when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor 7 December 1941. He was soon sent to Louisiana where a new mapping unit was being formed. Once there, the unit to which he was attached prepared to ship out to Alaska where they would take part in building the great 1,422 mile Alaska (Alcan) Highway, a much needed supply route between Alaska through Canada to the 48 then existing states.

Off to OCS

Just before leaving, troops were asked if anyone wanted to apply for Officer Candidate School (OCS). Will recalled some advice from Captain Caldwell: go to OCS if you get the opportunity.

So, Will applied, got forms to complete, and was told by an NCO to turn in the forms without delay. Then, he was ordered to don a Class A uniform because he would go



CADET WILL PARKINS, '35 - The only known photo of Will in his AMA uniform. Note the vintage car in the background.



Sergeant Caldwell

before the selection board that same evening!

A day or two passed, and as Will was having a meal in the mess hall, a sergeant sought him out and told him that his application had been approved. Soon, Will was on a train back to Fort Belvoir to attend OCS where, after the requisite 90 days, he was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant.

Generals Pershing and Marshall

There were some 200 men in his OCS class including the son of General John "Black Jack" Pershing, the commander of American troops in World War I. On graduation day, one officer

from each platoon went forward to receive commissions on behalf of the other members of his unit, a commission handed the new officers by General George Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, **General Roller's** roommate at VMI.

Parkins went on to serve in Africa and with the war in Europe over, departed for the Pacific with topographical maps of Japan in preparation for the American invasion of the Japanese homeland. While en route, two atomic bombs ended the Pacific part of World War II.

Parkins came back to Virginia and went to work at AMA where he served for many years as Post Adjutant attaining the rank of colonel. Colonel Parkins and his son, **Will, '70**, are among the most loyal of our AMA alumni. They live in Bridgewater.



Augusta memories...

Monte Ellis, '60, says things ain't what they used to be: *My Dad had taken me out to dinner before the Final Ball my senior year when we picked up my date (now my wife), her sister and a friend, each of whom had dates for the dance. By the time we got to AMA, I was late. So, Dad stopped the car and I crawled into the back seat and hid under the hoop skirts of my sister-in-law-to-be and her friend. Dad drove us through the gate, I crawled out from under the skirts, and off we went to the Final Ball with no one the wiser.*



Jeff Wenzell, '70, at a Stuart Hall dance with his future wife.

Jeff Wenzell, '70, says his favorite memory is of young love: *In The Fall of 1969, I was in the Cotillion Club and attended a mixer party in the Sunken Garden at Stuart Hall. Lucky for me because I was introduced to the sweetest, most vivacious young woman I had ever seen, Carol Elizabeth Pirie. We dated and married. I lost her love 25 years ago. That's my favorite AMA memory – young love.*



**Monte Ellis,
1960 Recall**

Phil Liverman, '64, remembers how cold the winters could be in Fort Defiance: *1963 was the coldest winter I can remember. When you got up in the morning, there would be a quarter inch of ice on the inside of our window... Three days before Finals, I got caught playing poker and almost got tossed out of school.*"

Jak Miner, '49, also recalls some card games: *There were interminable card games, mostly Hearts, even after Lights Out. We'd put blankets over the top bunk and sit on the bottom bunk with a very dim light. Sometimes on Fridays, the games would last all night and into Saturday morning.*



**Jak Miner,
1949 Recall**

Nicolas Nyerges, '76, remembers what it was like to come to AMA when you couldn't speak English: *I was 12 years old when I came to AMA from Venezuela. The experience of being without my family for the first time in another country where I could not speak the language was and is unforgettable... I had a dream to stay in the US, become a citizen, and join the US Air Force. But 12 year olds don't get to make those kinds of decisions...*



**George Holt,
1960 Recall**

George Holt, '60, tells how his love for AMA grew: *At the end of my first year, I hated AMA. Only Doc Savedge and his advice, guidance and friendship kept me there... At the end of my senior year, I didn't want to leave. Wanting a reason to return, groups of us, including Doc and Colonel Livick, met at Pinehurst to reform the AMA Alumni Association which has grown more than any of us could have imagined... My four years at Augusta were the best and most demanding in my life. There are many things I would change in my past life if I could, but not one of them happened at AMA!*

Dan Mossien, '68, thanks **Peyton Lea, III**: *As an 8th grader in a public school, a wise ass, and a poor performer, I needed to go to military school and get my life together. I did... thanks to Captain Lea, Colonel Hoover, and the cadre. I learned that bracing guaranteed that you would return to walk the stoops and linger around like a real cadet... I went AWOL and got into trouble because Colonel Livick had to drive with his wife to wherever I had ended up to retrieve me... Captain Lea was my idol and a stable force for me... he made me what I am today: a successful architect in this country, Mexico and Korea... Holding that M-1 out in front of my chest until someone confessed to the unpaid long distance calls is still in my memory bank... and always will be.*



Augusta memories...



**Ed Leventen,
1946 Recall**

Dr. Ed Leventen, '46, recollects a number of things seen from the perspective of a Cadet Waiter: *I have happy memories of working in the Mess Hall for Captain Fontaine except for mopping the Mess Hall floors two nights a week with hot water and lye... I had to go on Penalty Call and face Major Charles Roller and I was a pallbearer for Colonel Tom Roller with the other cadet captains. I remember dances with dates from Stuart Hall and, once in a while, from Mary Baldwin... The Apple Blossom Festival, close order drill and extended order drill... and the good friends I made at Augusta.*

Bernard Cockrell, '54, has dug deep in his brain to find an apt description of General Roller's car, the Gray Ghost: *It was not just an old car that the Big Boy parked out in front of Big Barracks, but a loving, living thing you might see herding cattle in the fields all over Augusta County or on late night inspections past the tennis courts, down the road behind Big Barracks in front of CW Barracks and on to the PX and his beloved boiler room... Then, on Monday, you would see the car in Staunton where he would be looking after his boys.*

Russ Smith, '62, says there are three important foundations in his life: his family, AMA and Army Special Forces: *AMA's contributions to my life are indeed substantial. The virtue of discipline seemed to creep into one's being almost by osmosis. Everything was precisely scheduled. If you wanted to eat, you had better be on time. Roll call formations, Latin class, football practice and everything else were conducted on a precise time schedule, forcing discipline and time management. The need for self-discipline was ubiquitous even in one's "off" time. You had to plan ahead. Time had to be managed to get the bed made, the socks folded, and equipment and clothing ready for the next inspection... leaving little time for daydreaming.*



**Russ Smith,
1962 Recall**

Duncan Wong, '52, recalls the Sunday night letters: *Just before Taps on Sunday night, the bugler would sound Tattoo and all cadets would report in formation to turn in letters to their parents or guardians. Many of us considered this a nuisance and just put a blank sheet of paper in the envelope while others may have scribbled a few lines about something they wanted. Some, with loving care, wrote with their best penmanship showing their homesickness or appreciation... With his deep wisdom and understanding, Colonel Roller did all he could so that parents would receive letters from their cadets.*

**Duncan Wong,
1952 Recall**

Randy Mitchell, '64, has some precise memories: *Funniest: the chair blockade of the Front Arch with all the shoes thrown into the Courtyard. Most cherished: Being part of the Color Guard and the Roller Rifles. Most dreadful: Major Livick roaming the stoops, bracing and dates from Stuart Hall. Most memorable: Graduation Day, a feeling of accomplishment but the realization that some friends you may not see again.*

Time to say a very special "thank you" to Bob Guggenheimer, '43, who had been the shepherd of the Memories project for two full years. Though Bob lives in Spain, he has begged and cajoled Statesiders and other AMA alumni and friends to contribute their memories of the unique place we called Augusta Military Academy. Thank you, Bob!

Do you have some AMA memories you would like to share? E-mail to Bob at: guggenheimer@teleline.es, or to B.J. d'Orsay, '70, at: bj@bjdorsay.com. Or mail to AMA Alumni House, PO Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101.



Ernest Hemingway and Homer Anderson, '38

"Papa" Hemingway was determined to be at the center of action on D-Day, and he was – in the company of an Augusta man, **Homer Anderson, '38**. Hemingway had been issued a standard blue uniform which included a "Correspondent" shoulder patch.

The famous author of *A Farewell to Arms* was briefed on 2 June, with many other war correspondents, on the coming invasion. They were taken to the coast of England and on 5 June went aboard an attack transport *Dorothea L. Dix*. At dawn on 6 June, Hemingway transferred to an LCVP for the rough ride to Omaha Beach.

Commanding the LCVP was AMA's Homer Anderson. In his senior year, the Roanoke cadet was assistant captain of the track team, the Vice President of the YMCA, played varsity football and was the on the advertising staff of *The Bayonet*.

In the January 2003 issue of *WWII History*, the author tells how Hemingway was squinting through a pair of Zeiss binoculars. Behind Anderson's LCVP

the battleships *Arkansas* and *Texas* sent their 14 inch shells at the Normandy coast. Hemingway wrote, "the first, second, third, fourth and fifth waves lay where they had fallen, looking like so many laden bundles on the flat pebbly stretch between the sea and first cover."

US and British destroyers were

hurling their 5 inch shells at the Nazi fortifications and Hemingway said that he noted with some satisfaction a piece of a German's body with one arm still attached blown into the air by a well-placed American shell.

Anderson discharged his cargo of soldiers, bazookas and explosives on the beach, after having to demand that his coxswain steer straight for the beach "and not all over the ocean." Hemingway transferred back to the *Dorothea Dix* where he began to write his version of the invasion, giving his readers the impression that he had actually gone



ERNEST "PAPA" HEMINGWAY with a group of American GIs just before the D-Day landings began.



Homer Anderson, 1938 Recall

ashore on Omaha Beach. There even was a story that Hemingway had taken command of an infantry rifle company, a story created by Hemingway himself apparently.

Hemingway's factual story about Anderson's bravery under fire appeared in *Look* magazine, a copy of which can be seen in the AMA Museum.

Some time after D-Day, Anderson wrote to his parents and at the end of the letter casually mentions: "Ernest Hemingway was with me." He later said he had more important things on his mind than having Hemingway in his craft. A copy of that letter is on display in the World War II

**You'll visit
Fox Green
Beach at
Omaha Beach
where Homer
was headed**

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Europe
adventure!

section of the AMA Museum where there also is a painting of Fox Green Beach, the segment of Omaha Beach where Anderson was heading his landing craft.

Hemingway's *Look* article was published later in a book of short stories. The D-Day story that mentions Anderson is titled: *Voyage to Victory*.

Bob Plecker, '40, is named Business Veteran of the Year

Robert E. Plecker, '40, is the Virginia Small Business Development Center's Small Business Veteran of the year for 2002, receiving his award in Richmond on 1 April.

A Shenandoah Valley businessman for 50 years, Plecker is an entrepreneur in the transportation industry, forming four separate companies: Truck and Equipment Corporation, North & South Lines, Thermo King, Inc., and Transport Repairs.

During World War II, Plecker was a platoon leader in the 502nd Parachute Infantry of the 101st Airborne. During his service in the Battle of the Bulge, he received three Bronze Stars and the French Croix de Guerre.

Plecker has been a generous contributor to the AMA Alumni House/Museum having sponsored the **Colonel Paul Hoover Classroom Room** in the Museum.

He recently gave \$3.7 million to create the Robert E. Plecker Workforce Center on the Blue Ridge Community College campus. Plecker and his wife, Frances, live in Penn Laird.

Jerry Wildman, '57, is creating artistic tribute to AMA medalists

Though he lives a continent away from Fort Defiance, each year after the annual alumni reunion, **Jerry Wildman**, '57, brings together photos of the AMA Alumni Medal winners to create artistic displays for the AMA Alumni House/Museum.

Wildman, who lives in Edmonds, WA, annually takes the photos of medal winners when they were cadets or faculty together with current photos, and creates works of art for the alumni house. The current year's winners will have their pictures displayed on the first floor of the House until Reunion 2004. In following years, these pictures are moved to upstairs locations to make way for the latest honorees.

Jerry does all this work on his own time at his own expense and ships the final products back east, again at his own expense.

Thank you, Jerry, for making permanent the salutes we give to our best friends each springtime!

Certificates for Class of '84

2004 will be the 20th anniversary of what would have been the AMA Class of 1984, and plans are underway to present certificates to all who would have graduated in June of '84. **Steve Reech** and **Chris Meek**, both from that class, met in Fort Defiance in early June with **Sergeant Don Studer**, **Gary Nicholson**, '70, **Goodloe Saunders**, '57, **Duke Fancher**, '58, and others to make plans for recognizing the Class of '84 at next year's reunion.

Reech, Meek and others will be working over the next few months to contact alumni who were members of their

Answer to AMA Word Game on page 54: TOWER (London Tower, bell tower, shot tower)



FOR WHOM THE BALL ROLLS - Was he daring lightning to strike his clubs knowing full well that even God can't hit a one iron? Whatever his source of jubilation, this is Reed Nettles, '72, reacting to a shot he just made in the annual AMA Golf Open.

class. They are soliciting the assistance of anyone who may know the whereabouts of any former cadets who were at AMA when the school closed. Chris Meek can be reached at: SIChris34@aol.com. Steve Reech's e-mail address is: SteveReech@aol.com

Date of 2004 reunion set for end of April

Reunion 2003 will be held a week earlier than usual with activities planned for the final weekend in April.

AMA Alumni Association President **Garry Granger**, '72, said, "every year recently, we have had conflicts with commencement exercises at high schools and colleges. This year, for example, some of our most loyal alumni were unable to attend our reunion because their children or grandchildren were graduating from high school or college on the May weekend of the reunion."

There is also competition for rooms in the Staunton area on the first weekend in May, plus the date conflicts with the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester.

Reunion 2004 will be held on April 22, 23 and 24.

Three championships in a year

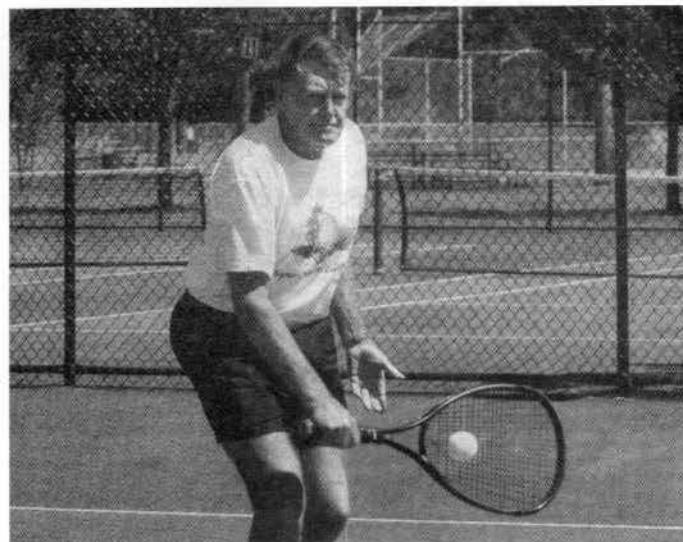
Jim Mackey, '44, playing GREAT tennis

Jim Mackey, '44, has been playing tennis for 27 years and has won four United States Tennis Association doubles championships, three in 12 months time. What is most marvelous about this is that Mackey, now 77, didn't start playing tennis until he was 50 years old!

Mackey lives in Virginia Beach part of the year. There aren't many players in his age group in that area, so he lives in Florida from November until May each year.

He has won the indoor hard court championship in Houston, the clay court championship in Arlington, and the grass court championship in South Orange, NJ. "That's not easy to do," he says in the understatement of the year.

What is his secret? "I don't run," he says. "I just walk out there and play. When I go out to play with the young guys, they have their leg up on a post stretching, and they look over at me and say, 'Look at that son of a buck. He's doing nothing and he is 35 years older than we are.' And that's true. I never stretch or do anything else before I play." Has he ever been hurt? "I pulled a muscle once," Mackey remembers.



Jim Mackey, '44, has won four US Tennis Association doubles championships, three in 12 months.

In Mackey's tennis circuit, players win gold, silver or bronze tennis balls. He owns three golds, eight silvers and a bronze.

"Eight times, I was runner-up," he said. "So, when you win, it is quite a thing. The tough job is to stay up there." Mackey and Fred Kovaleski, who teamed to win the clay and grass championships, are ranked Number One in the Super Senior Division. Next year, when Kovaleski turns 80, Mackey will be forced to find a new partner.

Mackey also teaches tennis. "Doubles is so different from singles... You have to go for positioning, angles, and holes to hit the ball into."

Jim didn't make it to the reunion this past May to play, but we hope to see him back in 2004. In the meantime, congratulations are in order to AMA's Jim Mackey!

E-mail addresses now found on line

If you are looking for the e-mail address of a classmate or other AMA friend, you can go on line to the AMA web page and get it quickly and up to date.

AMA Webmaster B. J. d'Orsay, '70, says that he can now make updates more easily and more quickly. "There are two new pages that browse the list by name and class," he says. "They display 15 names at a time. There are buttons at the bottom of the page which allow you to move forward or backward one screen at a time, or go to the beginning or the end of the lists."

There are now some 750 e-mail addresses on the AMA web page. d'Orsay says these pages should load much faster now. "I have updated the two new pages with all of the AMA e-

mail addresses I have. The old pages do not reflect these new and changed addresses."

d'Orsay says he soon will have new pages to access a class directly or to do an alphabetical search without having to browse the entire list. He has asked users to let him know of any problems they encounter. "This is your AMA web site... Let me know what you want to see on it," he says.

**Log on to the AMA web page at:
AMAAAlumni.org**

Death of Norvell West's father: a friend of AMA

As we were going to press, we received the sad news that Norvell West, father of Norvell West, III, '83, had passed away. The Wests, father and son, have been working to get repairs done at Big Barracks. We offer our sincere condolences to all in the West family.

108 year old Augusta cadet sword may be on loan at museum

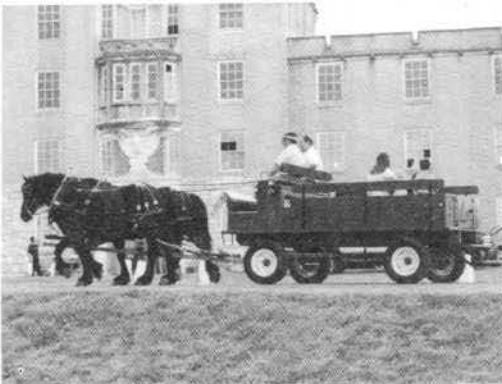
Negotiations are under way with Sam Clegg, '60, who has offered, on loan, an 1895 AMA cadet sword to the AMA Museum.

Says Clegg, "This is a very rare sword, not the West Point style used after 1900, but instead patterned after the 1860 era US Army staff and field officers presentation sword."

Clegg believes this sword was standard at AMA from 1874 to 1900. He has an old photo of an AMA cadet holding the same style sword.

Duke Fancher, '58, called the sword "an exciting find."

Negotiations are under way to have the museum receive and exhibit the weapon. 1874 would have been the first year that Augusta had a military regimen.



HARRY BALDWIN, '72, guides his team past Big Barracks, taking reunion goers for a ride.



ON THE FRIDAY TRIP DURING THE REUNION, Steve Trent, '70, Brenda Metz, (Mrs. Gordon, '68), and Gerri Trent take a break.

Florida alumni plan luncheon

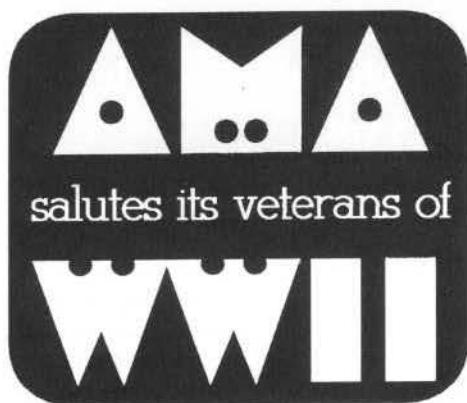
Several alumni in South Florida are planning a lunchtime AMA reunion sometime in September.

Ozzie "Coyote" Ferro, '53, who lives in Hialeah, is coordinating the function. "We are looking for feedback from alumni on dates and times that would be best for most people. Maybe a weekday, or maybe a weekend: we won't know until we hear from other alumni in Florida," Ferro says. He is concentrating his efforts on AMA alumni who live in Miami, Broward, Monroe and Collier Counties with the event to be held in a Miami restaurant.

He asks that all alumni interested in such an event should call him at 305/888-2564, or they can e-mail him at: ferroozzie@bellsouth.net

CORRECTION

In the story about our new 105mm howitzer (Winter 2003), we had some names wrong. First, we thank again **Lowell Tackett**, '61, who managed the pickup and delivery of the weapon to its place of honor on the AMA campus. Then, we need to thank **Allied Trucking** and Company Executive Vice President **Alfred Simpson** for arranging the transport. And finally, a big Augusta "Thank You" to the truck driver, **James Edwards**. We very much appreciate what each of you did to get the 105 to its waiting pad.



60 years ago, in 1943, these six brave Augusta men were killed in battle in World War II.

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2LT Hawes Adams, '39, KIA 14 June 1943

2LT Hubert Ellenberger, '41, KIA 7 August 1943

S/Sgt Baxter McNeer, '37, KIA 21 August 1943

SGT Parke Bair, '42, KIA 22 November 1943

2LT C. C. Clyborne, '37, KIA 3 December 1943

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Left, Sergeant Don Studer lays pavers along the sidewalk leading to the AMA Museum while Sergeant Joe Josephson advises. Sergeant Joe has prepared a roster which shows the area where each brick has been put in place. Right, the payoff! During Reunion 2003, as folks stop and stare, looking for a familiar name and being touched by the sentiments which are expressed there.



Suggested reading

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D-Day, by Stephen Ambrose
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Mowbray Allan remembers General Roller

Mobray Allan was a member of the AMA faculty in 1959-61 where he taught English, Latin and French, and coached the swimming team. He remembers General Roller:

I remember that it was at one of General Roller's semi-weekly addresses to the faculty and cadets assembled in the Mess Hall for lunch. If we had been good, we would be given an "At Ease" command before the address and our lunches would be kept warm in the kitchen. But this time, a cadet or two had been very bad the night before making the central square of the barracks (the Quadrangle) resound and reverberate with huge firecrackers every two hours or so.

After each explosion, the whole Corps of Cadets had to turn out and stand at attention on the stoops while a room search was conducted. No sooner were we back in bed and asleep than another would go off. How did they get away with it, given that after the second one, at least, sharp eyes would no doubt have been watching? An inside job by those on guard duty? (Maybe now someone can take credit for it)

A blacksnake whip

So that day, the General stalked grimly and heavily up to the microphone with a huge blacksnake whip under one arm. He looked, in his early eighties then, much like another memorable old man of those days, Pope John XXIII, craggy face, large aquiline nose, posture stiff with age so that he had to shuffle his whole body around to look behind him. (That nuance of posture seemed to me to sum them both up; always things going on behind their backs that they could never quite catch on to. In the General's case, it might be the snickers at one of his more outrageous statements that the CWS lined up behind him could not suppress.)

Our lunches cooled before our eyes and no "At Ease" was given (of course, it was only the cadets, not we faculty, who had to sit at rigid attention). The diatribe must have



Aqua Streaks '60

IN THE SWIM - Mobray Allan, left, coached the AMA Aqua Streaks in their 1960 season. Front, l. to r., Sal Vassallo, Mickey Johnson, Clay Willcox, Mitch Gaston, Wayne Hansborough and John Allen. 2nd row, Allan, Stewart Garrett, Ed Mazzei, Charles Burgess, Dick Atwell, Bill Brooks, Henry Walters, and Coach Blankenship. Rear, Pete Madley, John Poast, Dick Juby, Pete Schwind, Dick Keller, Mike Basto and John Tiller.

lasted an hour, at least, and I have long forgotten most of the details. But the gist was this: Next time it happen-



STAR TIME - Charles S. Roller, Jr., AMA's principal, receives his star as Brigadier General. Pinning on the badge of rank is his granddaughter, Linda Roller, now Linda Roller Livick.

ed, he would himself get up in the middle of the night, make his way over to the school, root out the culprit, and use that whip! No doubt, it would have cost the General his life, but at least he would know it was for a good cause. I don't recall any further firecrackers in the night during my time at AMA, and no doubt it was the threat to the General's very life, rather than the whip, which was meant to be, and was, effective.

Almost caught

Speaking of the thrill of nearly being caught by the General, that was something the faculty could share with the cadets, and probably in the same spirit. Once, **Colonel Duff, Captain Paul Andrews** and I returned from a late night out, probably at our favorite roadhouse at the base of the mountain toward Waynesboro. As often happened, the General had come over to the school late to work in his office, and perhaps to meditate in his finally silent school. In the reverberant entranceway, one of us

(continued on page 72)

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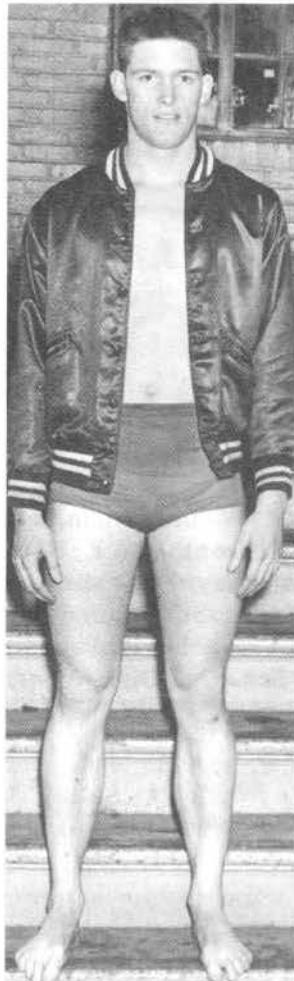
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From Colonel Hoover's attic

After Colonel Hoover passed away, family members turned over to the Alumni Association many boxes of photos and slides which had been stored in the colonel's attic. Most had no information to identify them.



Who is the cadet at the left?

And who are the fellows washing a car on the tennis court side of Big Barracks, below?

**E-mail answers to:
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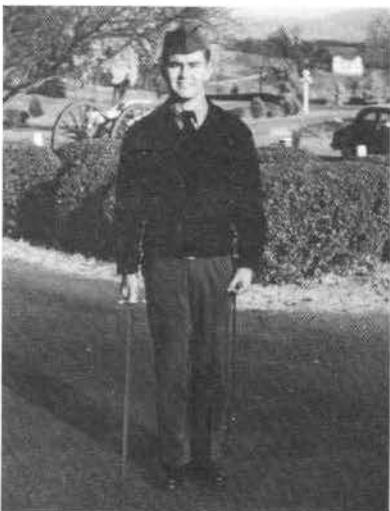


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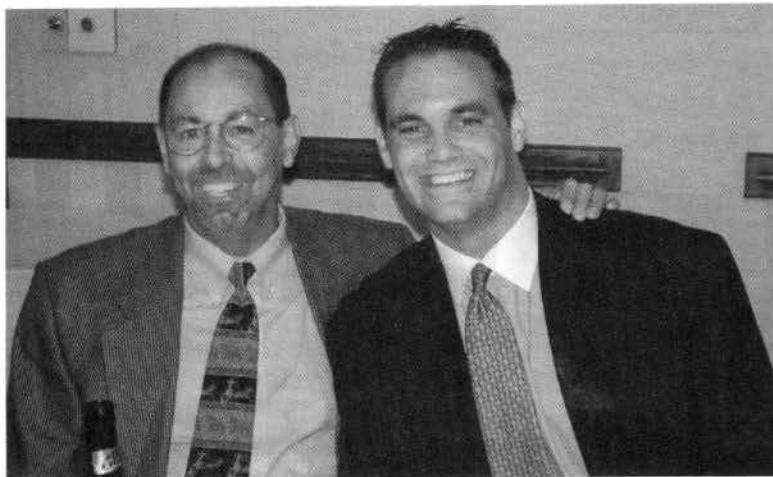
In the last issue, we printed the two photos, below, and we asked your help in identifying these two cadets. Sue Nicholson (Mrs. Gary, '70) identified the cadet lounging on the stoop as Lewie Kennett, '72. Reed Nettles, '72, says this was a common sight!

And the cadet officer, below, right, is Bill Paxton, '50, first identified by Bill Dickinson, '49.





FROM THE TOP - This unbelievable Shenandoah Valley panorama, above, is what greets Linda and Mal Livick every morning in their new home high above the AMA campus. About the center of the photograph is the location of Big Barracks which they will be able to see when there are no leaves on the trees. Their new home, left, sits high on the hill behind Big Barracks. They recently sold White Hall which had been built just after World War I by General Roller.



THE VARNERS - Rick, '60, and Jason, at Reunion 2003.
Photo by Don Elston, '44

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Mobray Allan from page 69

must have laughed or stepped on some gravel, for the General heard us and called out, "Who's out there?"

As if with one mind, we broke and ran, even Colonel Duff, that real colonel and real soldier who had served on General MacArthur's staff in the Pacific War. We were giggling all the way. Once in the safety of Paul's room, he and I had a good time complimenting Colonel Duff on his strategic retreat and the remarkable youthfulness of his run for cover.

I was at AMA from January 1959 to May 1961, and by then General Roller's eyes and ears were not as sharp as they once had been. Once, I was called to the Big Room to see him about something at the end of his college algebra course, the only class he still "taught," if that is not stretching the word too far, and I was able to confirm some of the stories I had heard. He graded the course by asking the cadets, at the end of each class, how long they had spent "on" college algebra the night before. One trick I had heard about was to sit on the college algebra textbook for an hour or so while doing other things, so as to be able to say with some degree of truth that you had spent an hour or two "on" college algebra. I did indeed hear such answers and some accompanying smirks seemed to confirm the story.

And I did directly observe another technique. "How long did you spend on college algebra, cadet?" "Four-five minutes, sir." "Good work. Forty-five minutes."

Rattlesnakes

General Roller hated cigarettes and especially cigarette butts on the ground. "I'd rather see a rattlesnake," he would say. So, we smokers, faculty and students, came to call cigarettes rattlesnakes, as in, "Would you like a rattlesnake?," or "May I bum one of your rattlesnakes?" I heard that some days the cadets in college algebra

replaced the chalk at the blackboard with a "rattlesnake." Also, there was a nail at the upper corner of the wood frame of the blackboard where the General would hang his officer's cap. Sometimes, cadets would remove the familiar nail with results you can imagine. Repeated over and over, is it possible that he played along with these jokes?

I am sure that everyone who was at AMA during the General's time will remember his Mother's Day talks. "There is no relationship in the world

like that between Mother and son. No matter what else she may have done, your Mother will do anything for you, even to sacrificing her own life." The entire Corps of Cadets would be reduced to tears by the time he finished, a powerful speaker in his way.

So, he wasn't perfect, but if he had been, he would not have been the General Roller we knew, and who could wish that? Despite his faults, and even because of them, as well as his virtues, one could not help feeling affection and admiration for the General. It was he above all others who gave spice and life to our times at AMA. He made every day interesting in some way.

One of the things I remember most about him, and I suppose in this respect he was ahead of his time, is that in that heyday of macho stoicism, he was the male who would display and express sentiment and emotion without shame.

For setting that example, any faults he had can be easily overlooked.



Lt. Mowbray Allan, 1961

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package including recommendations from five people who I believed would be most helpful. I contacted my recruiter for the first time in a year and assured him of my interest and desire to continue with the arduous application process. Much to my delight and surprise, he rechecked my exam scores and realized that they were competitive enough to apply to become a navigator.

Two months passed before I got the good news that I had been accepted! Sometime this fall, I will head for Maxwell AFB in Alabama for navigator's class. There will be more to come in upcoming years from a hopeful Lieutenant Saunders!

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AMA WWII vets chat with 7th graders

A group of 7th graders from Linda Petzke's class at Stuart Middle School visited the AMA Museum in early May and while there, they were able to talk with some AMA World War II veterans. The students are participating in an oral history project and through class participation the students earned the right to be interviewers.

Enter Julian Quarles, '35, and Richard McLaughlin, '48, both vets of the European phase of the war. Each sat patiently with the children and responded to their questions. In addition to the World War II veterans, the kids interviewed Duke Fancher, '58, Paul Bratton, '48, Dave Conrad, '59, and Bob Bradford, '50, about their days at Augusta.

Pictured at left, top, Richard McLaughlin talks with his interviewers on the porch of the AMA Alumni House with Big Barracks in the background. Bottom, left, Julian Quarles answers questions.

Quarles was captured by German forces in Italy during the war, put on a prison train headed for Germany, and escaped with his company commander. One of the kids asked, "Weren't you afraid to jump from a moving train?"

To which Julian replied that he was more afraid to stay on the train!

Ms. Petzke toured the museum in advance of the kids' visit, and had a set of questions the students would have to answer as they went through the museum. This is the second year that her students have visited the AMA Museum as part of their curriculum. The museum is a member of Virginia's Time Traveler's program for K-12 students, a program which encourages students across the state to visit Time Traveler sites.

Certain exhibits at the AMA Museum, including the WW II displays, relate to specific Virginia State Standards of Learning which makes the AMA Museum an ideal destination for school field trips.



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The Battle of Piedmont

Civil War battle raged near AMA campus

The cadets stopped to refresh in the waters of the Willow Spout. Then, they continued their march north up the Valley Pike, past the Augusta Military Academy campus,¹ past the Augusta Stone Church, through Mount Sidney, on their way to glory.

These 257 cadets were from the Virginia Military Institute, 45 miles south of Fort Defiance, and they were on a forced march this May day in 1864. The Valley Pike, today's US Route 11, was macadamized even in that time, and the cadets walked or advanced on horseback to join a Confederate army moving to meet a Union force centering on New Market, some 40 miles north of Fort Defiance.

The VMI boys arrived at New Market in a pelting rain in time to help a Confederate army of 4,500, under the command of General John Breckenridge, defeat a Union force of 6,500, under the command of General Franz Sigel. It was May 15, 1864, and this was one of the last Southern victories of the Civil War.

All through 1862, Stonewall Jackson had kept the Federals off balance as his troops swept up and down the Shenandoah Valley almost at will, fighting a skirmish at dusk and, having loaded his troops on a train, hitting the Union army somewhere else at dawn. In the process, Jackson kept an entire Union army in the Shenandoah Valley, away from Lee's precarious hold on Richmond.

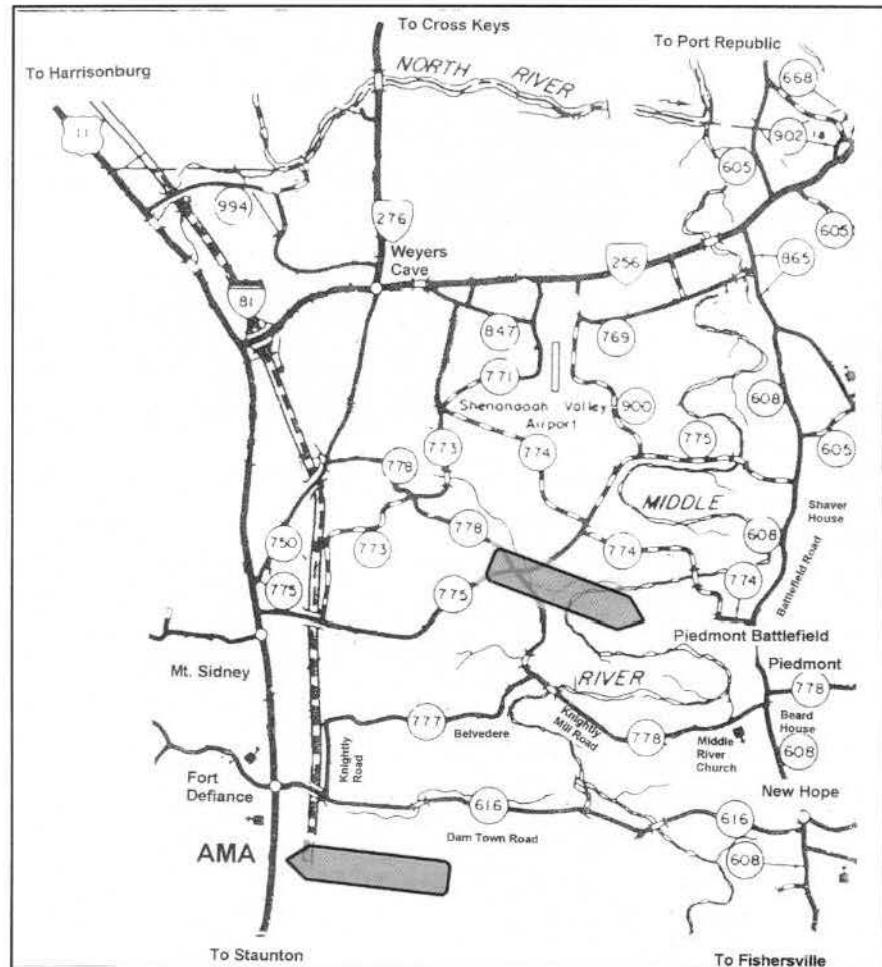
But it was now 1864, and Jackson was dead, an accidental victim of fire from his own troops at the Battle of Chancellorsville. Just before the Battle of New Market, Abraham Lincoln had finally found his fighting general - Ulysses S. Grant. After New Market, Grant replaced Sigel with Major General David Hunter who soon would revenge the Union defeat at New Market.

Grant orders Confederate wipe out

Grant's plan - like George Patton's in World War II - was to "grab the enemy by the nose and kick him in the pants." Grant met Lee in the Wilderness, at Spotsylvania, and at Cold Harbor. Grant lost 60,000 men in his assault on the Rebels, but he never wavered. Now, he ordered Hunter to wipe out the Confederate threat from the Valley.

Each Union soldier carried an extra pair of shoes and

socks, 100 rounds of ammunition, a few pounds of hard bread, and a little coffee. For everything else, they would subsist on what they found before them. Foraging parties became the order of the day with livestock, grain, food, and



other supplies taken from the populace and the pending harvest either confiscated or destroyed. Robert E. Lee's granary was to be decimated.

After New Market, Lee ordered Breckinridge and his troops to help him defend Richmond, leaving in the Valley only a force of volunteers, reservists, convalescents and provost guards. Meanwhile, Hunter marched on Harrisonburg, and the Southern army under Generals John Imboden and W. E. "Grumble" Jones assembled at Mount Crawford to oppose any further movement south by the Federals.

On June 4, Hunter started what appeared to be a flanking movement on Staunton while Imboden and Jones held their army near Mount Sidney, the Southerners spread out along the Valley Pike, undoubtedly some of them bivouaced where AMA is today. Hunter moved on toward Port Republic (where a previous battle had been fought), then turned southwest toward Staunton where possession

¹ Of course, there was no AMA campus in 1864, but the VMI cadets marched past the spot where Professor Roller would build his residence in 1870, now home to the AMA Alumni House/Museum. And they marched past the Stone Church, founded 142 years before, where Roller began to tutor Confederate veterans only four months after the Civil War had ended.

of the railhead there would deny the Confederates defending Richmond a life line of food, troops and military equipment.

The first shots in what would become known as the Battle of Piedmont were fired about 5:30 AM on Sunday, June 5. Jones' infantry had forded the swollen Middle River before dawn and advanced for twelve miles to the little hamlet of Piedmont, no more than a cannon shot from the AMA campus. (From Piedmont, the hill behind Big Barracks can be seen easily.) In 1864, Piedmont consisted of some ten houses situated in rolling farmland interspersed with woods in a curve of the river.

Numerous skirmishes and demonstrations took place, and as the Confederate artillery dashed through Piedmont, the soldiers were singing and shouting while the ladies of the village stood on their porches, waving and cheering. Jones concentrated his cavalry to the southeast with instructions that they not enter the coming battle until ordered to do so. This troop disposition left an unintended and very critical gap between the Confederate infantry and the Confederate cavalry which would help decide the outcome of the battle to come.

A slight drizzle fell as an artillery duel commenced. By 11:30, the Confederates had two brigades massed behind railpens with a force on the right ready to repel any attempted encirclement by Hunter. Hunter's men lined up below the heights while behind them, a curl of smoke rose



THE PIEDMONT BATTLEFIELD just a few miles from Fort Defiance. Below, the plaque which commemorates the battle.



from a burning mill set afire by the Federals.

Three times, Hunter attacked, and three times he was repulsed. Then, as he was on the verge of withdrawing, he noted the gap in the Confederate line. Hunter quickly ordered a brigade, hidden in a ravine, to attack the right flank of the Southern line just as the Rebels were shifting some

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TENNIS ANYONE? - This year's tennis match was fun for the participants, but there were only four of them. In the absence of Colonel Frank Pilley, '51, who has run the tennis tournament for the past few years, Blaine Clarke, '72, handled the duties this year. *"We need for people to understand that we are just out there for fun,"* Clarke said. *"You don't have to be a pro to play, and I am hoping we can round up more people to play next year."*

The quartet which did show up played some spirited doubles on the Staunton Country Club courts. Pictured above are three of the four: Joe Garry, '73; Ken Hoke, '54, and Dottie Bucher. Clarke was still playing golf when the photo was taken



PIED PIPER - Chris Brumfield, sponsored by Richard McLaughlin, '49, leads reunion goers into the gym for the Saturday luncheon during the reunion.

Search on for owner of Augusta class ring found in Puerto Rico

In the summer of 1965, 12 year old Richard Le Sesne and his father, who was stationed with the US Navy in Puerto Rico, were skin diving on the inland side of a reef in Isla Verde, near the current San Juan Airport. He was learning to snorkel, and when he put his foot into the sand beneath the water, something shiny slid onto his toe. When he lifted his foot, the object fell off, but he and his father conducted an underwater search.

What they came up with was a 1943 AMA class ring belonging to **Manuel Alvarez**. Le Sesne's father sent a letter to AMA and received a reply from **Colonel Mal Livick** which said that Alvarez' last known address was in Camaguey, Cuba. Thus began the search to find the owner of the ring.

Le Sesne said that he and his father thought Alvarez had fled Cuba after Castro came to power and was living somewhere in the United States, but various searches through private and government agencies failed to locate him. One source did report that one Manuel Alvarez Margolles was executed by a Cuban firing squad on 19 September 1962. But was this the Alvarez he was looking for? *"I have always doubted that this is Manuel because I found the ring in 1965, three years after he reportedly died,"* said Le Sesne. So, the ring went into a drawer, but was never forgotten.

Recently, Le Sesne, now an architect/engineer in Charlotte, NC, contacted the AMA website feeling that *"with the advent of the internet and improved communications with residents of Cuba, I thought I'd give my search one more try... if I cannot find him, I will donate the ring to AMA on this, the 60th anniversary of Alvarez' class."*

John Younger, '43, saw the posting and went into action. *"Alvarez was a corporal in D Company in 1943... and I'd like to help locate him."* E-mails then went out to three Cuban alumni: **Manuel Balbis**, '53, **Ozzie Ferro**, '53, and **Otto Cuervo**, '52, to see if they can help find Alvarez. As we go to press, that's where the matter stands. **Sergeant Don Studer** has taken over the research on Alvarez' whereabouts.

If you have any information that may help locate him, please contact Don at AMAAAlumniHouse@aol.com, by phone at 540/248-3007, or by mail to Don, c/o AMA Alumni House/Museum, PO Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437.

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Battle of Piedmont from page 76 units. Jones sent couriers to General Imboden to bring the Rebel cavalry crashing down on the Yanks, but the cavalry troops did not respond, likely because the couriers never found them. Thus undeterred, the brigade of Northerners attacked the Southerners from the rear. Federal artillery concentrated on the railpens and the Federal infantry troops followed the artillery barrage with a frontal assault.

For 30 bloody minutes, the fighting was at close quarters with rifles, bayonets, knives, clubs and bare hands. With terrible fire from front and rear, the Confederate defense evaporated. General Jones, dashing from unit to unit in a vain attempt to rally his men, was killed by a Minie ball to the head. Imboden and the remaining Confederates retreated having suffered 412 wounded, 142 killed and 934 taken prisoner. The Union Army had 165 killed, 620 wounded and 39 taken prisoner.

The South also lost 3,000 stands of

Where was Professor Charles S. Roller during the Battle of Piedmont, fought so near his home? He was assigned to the 1st Virginia Cavalry which was part of the force which was defending Richmond in June of 1864, and we assume he was there. We do know that he was with Lee's retreating army in April of 1865, and that after being injured in a fall from his horse, he was captured at Appomattox, the day before Lee surrendered.

From North and South magazine, December 2002: (Knowing that the Union Army was coming toward Staunton), Imboden attempted to scrape up extra bodies with a proclamation issued at Staunton on 31 May 1864 intended to bring out men who had yet to serve even as home guards: "The Commanding General has notified me that every man who can fire a gun is urgently needed at Mount Crawford. He says he can see no reason why Magistrates and Constables should not fight for their homes in a pinch like this. A man should be ashamed to claim such a pitiful exemption. If it becomes necessary to make them fight, I will declare martial law in this district until the danger is over and make every man shoulder his musket. A man who will deliberately refuse to defend his home, wife and children for a few days ought to be forced into the ranks. If killed, the loss is trifling."

This sternly worded message may have shamed an additional hundred men into the ranks in time for the Battle of Piedmont."

arms and six pieces of artillery. The main Confederate retreat was from Piedmont through New Hope and on to Fishersville, and a number retreated toward Fort Defiance and thence to Staunton on the Valley Pike. The Confederate artillery that was not captured or put out of action also retreated past what is now the AMA campus.

Colonel J. M. Campbell, commanding the 54th Pennsylvania, wrote to General Hunter in his after-battle report, "The casualties in my unit were surprisingly small which I attribute to the impetuosity of their charge upon the enemy who was not given time to rally with anything like order... in their own defense."

North could afford casualties

The truth is that the Union Army had more killed and wounded than did the Rebs, but as Grant had shown at The Wilderness, Spotsylvania and Cold Harbor, the North could afford such casualties while the beleaguered South could not.

The Union put 7,766 troops into the field that day buttressed by 24 artillery pieces. By comparison, the Southerners could muster only 5,600 troops with 16 artillery pieces. The Northern troops were well fed, well equipped and well trained. On the Confederate side, many of the participants were Home Guards (see box at left) including young boys, old men and soldiers on medical

furlough. Federal troops soon marched into Staunton. The Shaver Home on the battlefield, from which Hunter had directed the battle, became a Federal field hospital.

For the first time in the war, the Union army had conquered the upper Shenandoah Valley.

In the North, the victory solidified President Lincoln's reelection campaign. The New York Times reported "the great success of our forces... capturing a battery of six guns, several hundred prisoners, and many hundred thousand dollars worth of stores."

While the war would last another ten months, the fate of Lee's army at Richmond was sealed by the Battle of Piedmont and the conquest of the Valley. Hunter continued his march through the Valley, entering Lexington June 11 and exacting Union revenge on VMI by burning its main buildings.² Hunter then turned toward Lynchburg over the Peaks of Otter, against orders by General Grant, where his forces were repulsed. He eventually resigned his command.

In September of the same year, General Phillip Sheridan arrived in the Valley with fire in his eyes...

² The Federals sacked the library at Washington College adjacent to VMI and threw rocks at the statue of George Washington on the main building thinking it was a statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. The fact that the First President had endowed the school apparently stopped the Union troops from burning the buildings at Washington College. Ironically, after the war Robert E. Lee became President of Washington College until his death in 1870 after which time the college was renamed Washington and Lee University.

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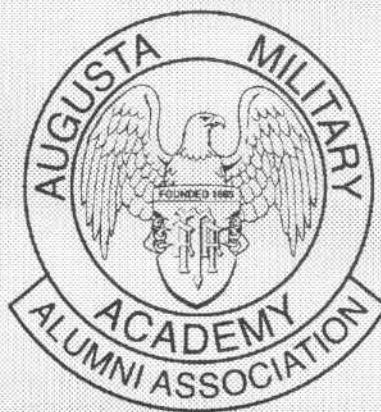
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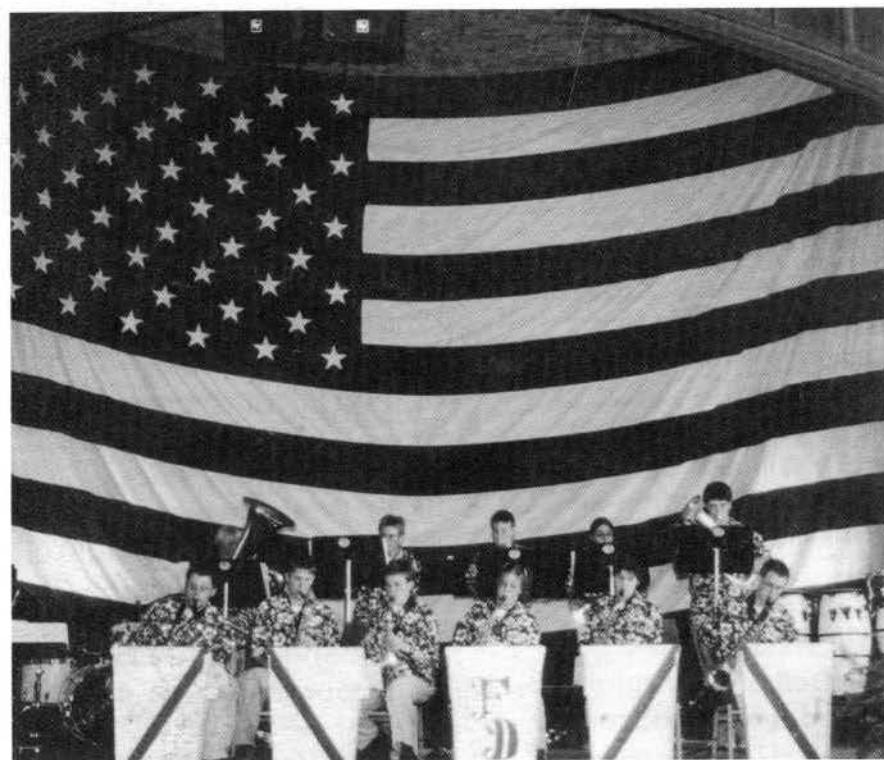
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